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Setback for monetary union

Kohl raises doubts over EMU target

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND ROGER BOYES

BRITISH ministers and Conservative MPs last night welcomed a "new realism" spreading across Europe after Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, conceded that the European single currency could miss its target date of 1999 by two years.

Herr Kohl's remarks, reportedly made to close colleagues and disclosed in *Der Spiegel*, pleased John Major and will raise the hopes of Tory Euro-sceptics that the single currency will be long-delayed and, conceivably, may never happen.

The statement — which contradicts all the public utterances coming from the European finance ministers who met in Valencia at the weekend — was disclosed in a article suggesting that there was a consensus in Germany's political elite about delaying the introduction of a single currency. It confirms the increasingly confident view in the Cabinet that the 1999 date is wildly optimistic.

Ironically Herr Kohl's private opinions were revealed on the day that Mr Major paid a private visit to the Chancellor at his villa in Oggersheim in the Rhineland-Palatinate. Herr Kohl is said to have told his closest advisers last week that the scheduled introduction date of January 1, 1999, was only of "secondary importance". If there were a postponement of EMU "the world would not collapse".

Herr Kohl's remarks were hailed by Downing Street as a clear indication that British resistance towards early monetary union was being accepted across Europe. "There is a clear change in which the British position is being accepted publicly, rather than being agreed with privately but opposed in public."

"Herr Kohl has decided to shatter the illusion of Maastricht, and to do so publicly at the most sensitive time"
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Last week's summit of European leaders in Majorca, at which Mr Major warned that the EU could be split apart by pressing ahead with monetary union, was seen in London as marking an important change in European mood towards a single currency. Foreign Office sources also said that the comments reflected "a much deeper sense of political reality" in Germany.

There was also Euro-sceptic delight that Kenneth Clarke's own drive towards a single currency appeared to be undermined by Herr Kohl's remarks. Mr Clarke had insisted in Valencia that he was in favour of sticking to the entry terms as set out in the Maastricht treaty.

Bonn seems to be crafting a completely new timetable for European integration. In a speech to be broadcast tomorrow, the fifth anniversary of German unity, Herr Kohl said: "I see the European Union completed in the year 2005. That means, the European house will be solidly built."

Herr Kohl's remarks came as sceptics seized on the comment made by Jacques Delors, the former EC President, in an interview with *The Sunday Times*. M Delors recalled he had issued a warning against being too ambitious over political union. M Delors, considered the driving force towards federalism, said that Germany had led the drive. "Germany always said it could not accept monetary union without political union," he said.

Herr Kohl also suggested that by 2005 the central European states could be full members of the union. Until now the central European states have been working on the assumption that they would be considered for membership by the year 2000.

Apart from the need to replace the mark with the strongest possible European currency, Herr Kohl is determined that monetary union should not become an election issue. The German general election — perhaps Herr Kohl's last — is due to be held in October, 1998.

Bill Cash, a leading Eurosceptic, said last night: "We still have to assume that the political determinisation by Germany is to go for monetary union at any cost, if not at any time. But Euroerealism is now spreading. We have won the battle." John Redwood, the defeated Tory leadership candidate, said: "I am glad that Chancellor Kohl has acknowledged that it cannot happen in 1999."

DAVID CHESKIN



Emma Thompson posing for the press outside her London home yesterday

Marriage break-up pains actress

EMMA THOMPSON, the actress, appeared distressed and tired yesterday after the weekend announcement that her six-year marriage to Kenneth Branagh is over.

Miss Thompson, 36, who is living in the couple's home in west Hampstead, north London, agreed to have her photograph taken on the doorstep. When asked how she was feeling, the Oscar-winning actress said: "A bit rough actually. I didn't sleep at all. I can't add anything to the statement made last night. Without Ken, it wouldn't be fair," she added. Mr Branagh, 34, an Oscar nominee, is staying with friends in west London. She declined to answer questions about her relationship with Greg Wise, 29, with whom she stars in a forthcoming adaptation of Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility*.

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Davies affair pushes Blair into new row with the Left

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TENSIONS between Tony Blair and the Labour Left rose sharply last night as the leader prepared for a showdown at the party conference in Brighton over the ditching of Liz Davies as a parliamentary candidate.

The leadership decided to try to prevent the issue overshadowing this week's conference by holding an emergency debate tomorrow morning, a few hours before Mr Blair's speech setting out in detail his plans to create a modernised "New Britain".

Mr Blair issues a defiant defence today of the decision to ditch Ms Davies. He makes plain that it is her connection with the ultra-left *Labour Briefing*, where she served on the editorial board, that is her main sin. He says in an interview in *The Guardian*: "A lot of MPs may disagree with policy on this or that issue. But this is different. There's an agenda run by a faction that has been personally abusive and vitriolic about senior members of the party over a long period."

He was sure the Conservatives would not allow people with that kind of anti-party record on the candidates' list. The Tory ultras said vicious things about John Major over Europe and they might dislike his leadership. "But they don't say that the whole of his politics, and the politics of the Cabinet, are treachery, which is effectively what *Labour Briefing* is saying about us."

Last night the Davies affair took on further bitterness when Tom Sawyer, Labour's general secretary, virtually accused her of lying. He told a press conference that she had been "economical with the truth on certain items".

By holding the debate tomorrow, with another in which Arthur Scargill intends to resurrect the battle over Clause 4, Mr Blair is hoping to get two of the most troublesome items on this week's agenda out of the way.

But yesterday the leader found himself under attack from left-wing MPs. Diane Abbott said: "It seems that a Blair government is going to shrink from doing even the most elementary things to make good the damage that 18 years of Tory government has done to our people and to our movement."

Clare Short, Labour's spokesman on women's rights, is to seek the conference's support for the leadership's action. Mr Blair seems certain to win, with the help of the votes of the big unions, and he will defeat overwhelmingly Mr Scargill's attempt to re-run the fight over Clause 4.

In his speech, the Labour leader is planning to announce plans to cut the size of primary school classes. He is expected to promise that no primary schoolchild between the ages of five and seven will have to be in a class of 30 or more pupils. The scheme will be funded through abolition of the £110 million assisted places scheme. He is also to set out for the first time plans to help single parents into work.

Mr Blair also looked likely to win a narrow victory today on the national minium wage. The conference is expected to back the plan for a new low-pay commission to advise on the minimum wage: attempts by some unions to fix a specific figure could be rejected.

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No buyers for rail franchises

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Hong Kong pensions blow

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Queen may share a new Britannia with the Navy

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A NEW Royal Yacht *Britannia*, which would double as a sail-training ship and be partly funded by the Ministry of Defence, is expected to be given the go-ahead by the Government.

Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, is understood to be in favour of such a scheme. A decision is due by the end of the year. Private capital, however, would be sought to build the vessel which could cost up to £60 million. *Britannia* currently costs taxpayers £12 million a year.

The Royal Yacht is 42 years old and faces decommissioning because the Government decided against a £17 million refit. A Cabinet Office committee representing all the interested parties — the MoD, Foreign Office, Department of Trade and Industry, Downing Street and Buckingham Palace — is still examining a number of options.

If the Government approves the proposal for a dual-purpose vessel, the MoD would be expected to provide the funds for operating the vessel and supplying the ship's crew.

The new *Britannia* would continue the role of promoting British trade and industry on world trips.

It is understood that until recently Royal Navy chiefs have opposed the use of defence budget money for running a replacement. However, according to defence sources, both Mr Portillo and Admiral Sir Jock Slater, the new First Sea Lord, are prepared to consider MoD funding.

Meanwhile, about 70 organisations have sent in applications to the Cabinet Office to buy the present *Britannia*. The deadline for completing a detailed questionnaire passed at the weekend.

Yesterday a spokeswoman for the Cabinet Office confirmed that an announcement would be made by the end of the year on the future ownership of HMY *Britannia*. The Royal Yacht is due to be decommissioned in 1997.

In June last year, Malcolm Rifkind, then Defence Secretary, said the Government was seeking a way of enabling *Britannia* to "continue to serve a useful purpose, even though she will no longer go to sea." Would-be buyers have been asked what modifications they planned to make to the ship to accommodate visitors and whether there would be admission charges.

Cantona scores after paying his penalty

BY KATE ALDERSON

SCORES of tricolours and French berets brought a flavour of Bastille Day to Old Trafford yesterday as Eric Cantona was welcomed back to Manchester United.

After eight months of exile for kicking a Crystal Palace fan, the club's wayward gallic son was hailed by the fans on his return to FA Carling Premiership football. He celebrated by scoring a penalty which earned the side a 2-2 draw with Liverpool.



A Cantona fan painted in honour of her idol

A huge advertisement opposite the ground depicted Cantona being released from a prison cell with the words "He has been punished for his mistakes, now it is someone else's turn." T-shirts with the same logo were sold by the dozen, while red and white confetti was tossed into the wind. The crowd boomed out the anthem "ooh aah Cantona, ooh ahh Cantona" waving French tricolours containing the player's face.

The carnival atmosphere had been growing in the city

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FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE maxim of American travellers that "if it's Tuesday, it must be Belgium" took on new meaning for tourists from Detroit whose plane to Frankfurt landed in Brussels by mistake.

Passengers watching an electronic map of the plane's progress knew that the Northwest Airlines DC-10 was heading for the Belgian capital but the crew thought they were landing in Germany. Cabin crew were worried that they had been hijacked.

The US Federal Aviation Administration has launched an investigation into why the jet landed 200 miles from its destination. One official said: "The only people on that plane who didn't know where they were, were the three guys up front."

Northwest Airlines flight 52 went astray on September 5 as it passed into the hands of air traffic controllers at Shannon, Ireland. Investigators believe that the plane was wrongly assigned a new destination.

Normally a jumbo's flight path is entered into its computer before take-off and the aircraft automatically makes course changes. The suspicion remains, therefore, that the error may have been made by the crew.

Because of heavy cloud the crew could not see landmarks and they failed to cross-check their position regularly. When the crew addressed local air traffic controllers as "Frankfurt approach", the controllers did not correct them.

The pilot discovered that he was not landing in Frankfurt when he saw the airport. Unsure of where he was, he decided to land anyway. Another crew took the passengers to Frankfurt, seven hours late.

Northwest Airlines has grounded the captain, a 30-year veteran with an unblemished record, and the first officer and the flight engineer.

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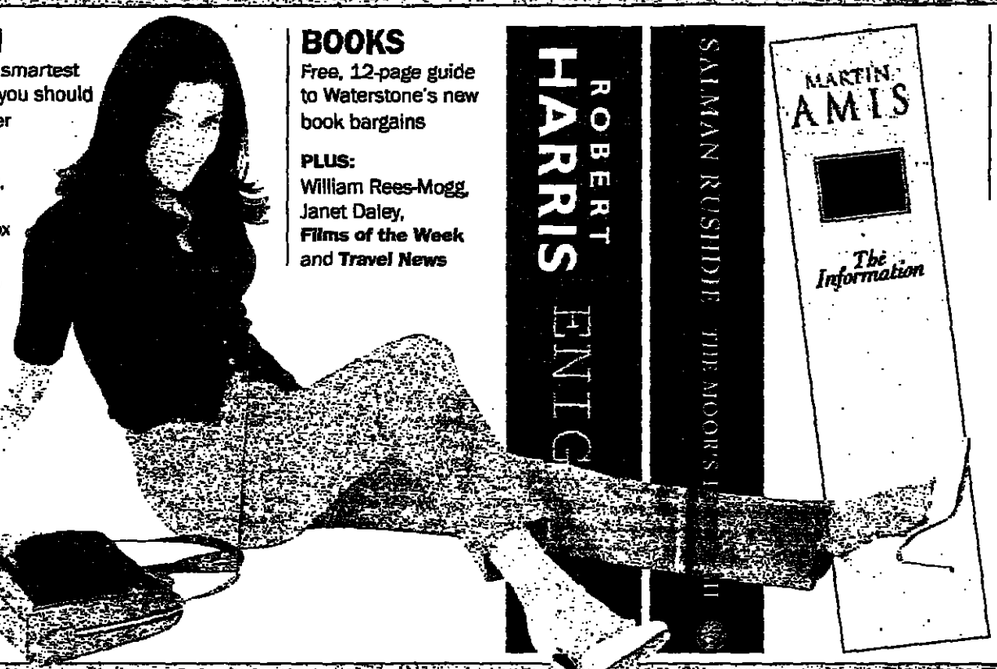
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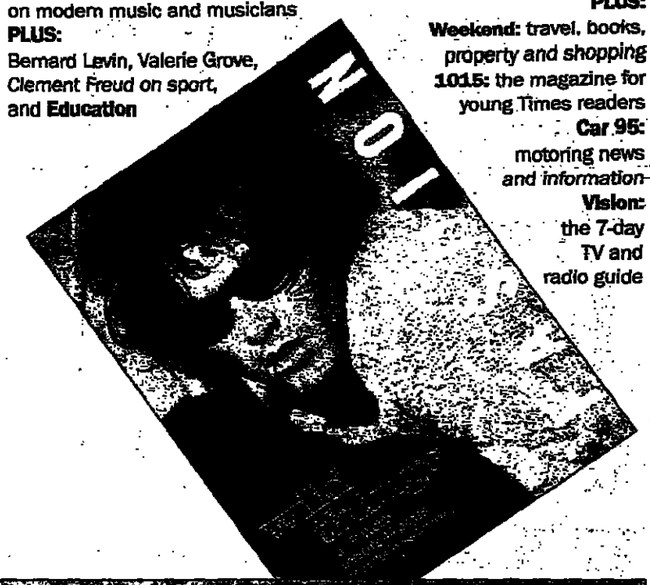


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Labour adds to doubt over faltering railways sell-off

BY JONATHAN PRYNN AND JILL SHERMAN

THE Government has been forced into a drastic rethink of the rail privatisation timetable as fears grow that it may fail to sell a single passenger franchise by April 1, the target date for completing half the sell-off.

Ministers had hoped that at least nine of the 25 British Rail franchises, representing 51 per cent of the network, would be operating in the private sector by the start of April.

Now it appears that only one or two franchises are likely to meet the deadline, leaving the bulk of the British Rail network in public hands in the run-up to next year's £2 billion flotation of Railtrack.

There was further confusion last night over the future ownership of the railway network when Labour's national executive backed a conference motion calling for BR to be returned to public ownership "as swiftly as possible".

The Labour leadership distanced itself from full-scale renationalisation. John Prescott, deputy Labour leader, said a buy-back of a privatised British Rail could cost up to £4 billion. Speaking on BBC TV's *On The Record*, he said: "I can't sit here and commit the party to billions of pounds."

The Labour motion will raise fresh uncertainties over the already faltering sell-off, which is falling far behind the schedule set last year by John MacGregor, the then Transport Secretary.

Rail experts believe that the massive complexity of the privatisation and the breakneck schedule set for it means that one major hitch could leave the entire network still under British Rail's control in six months.

"If everyone works flat out over weekends, Christmas and the new year and everything goes according to plan, they could still get the first three away by April 1," one senior rail industry source said. "But the documentation is hideously complex."

The 51 per cent barrier is unlikely to be broached until the autumn, up to six months behind schedule, and close to the date of the next general election. The delays could threaten the £2 billion sale of Railtrack, which is provisionally scheduled for next May or June.

Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, has been down playing the significance of the April 1 deadline. Sir George has argued that privatisation has gathered sufficient momentum to be irreversible, regardless of whether the target is missed.

The government is more concerned that as much of the industry as possible is in private hands by the general election to pre-empt Labour plans to bring it back into public ownership. One bidder said: "There is a lot of talk about 51 per cent by April 1 but the date they are really looking at now is the next general election. April 1 is no longer seen as the magic date."

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Helen Ougham: fastest by half a minute

Crossword's first woman champion

BY JOHN GRANT
CROSSWORD EDITOR

FOR the first time in its 25-year history, The Times Crossword Championship has been won by a woman. Dr Helen Ougham, 39, completed the four championship puzzles in an average of 11 minutes each at the Hyatt Carlton Tower Hotel, London, on Saturday. One took her only six minutes.

Dr Ougham, a graduate of Girton, is a scientist at the Institute of Grassland and Environmental Research, Aberystwyth. Two previous champions were second and third. Michael Macdonald-Cooper, 53, a retired education administrator from Kirriemuir, Tayside, was half a minute behind Dr Ougham. William Pilkington, 47, Chief Budget Officer, Cleveland, was one minute behind. Fourteen out of 21 competitors solved all four puzzles.

Clarke 'to raise tax' on tourist flights

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT
TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

THE Chancellor is expected to raise Britain's tourism tax in the Budget. Travel agents fear a rise of at least £2 to the £5 charge on passengers flying within Europe, and a further £5 on the £10 rate for long haul international flights.

Treasury officials believe they may have found a method of raising cash without causing any significant political "fallout", because so few complaints have been received about the departure tax imposed last year. The Air Passenger Duty is expected to bring in more than £300 million over the year.

The Association of British Travel Agents, meeting this week in South Africa, has written to Mr Clarke urging him not to go ahead with increases. Geoffrey Lipman of the World Travel and Tourism Council urged passengers to "take a stand against it".

He said: "If we were farmers being threatened with yet more taxation we would bring our cows on to the steps of parliament. But as an industry and as passengers we sit back and let them milk us for all they can."

Package tour operators are also fighting to force a change in a European Court ruling that tour operators must pay VAT on the air travel part of any package holiday. If the ruling goes ahead as planned in January, it could add a further £5 to the cost of an average holiday in Europe.

New Statesman back under editor's control

The crisis at *New Statesman and Society* deepened as it emerged that Steve Platt, the Editor and an arch critic of Tony Blair, had withdrawn his resignation. Mr Platt had a change of mind after Philip Jeffrey, the major shareholder, installed himself as chairman, announced he wanted the resignation of every board member, and warned the magazine could close unless its circulation increased.

Most directors of the company were refusing to stand down and are expected to have a showdown with Mr Jeffrey who is calling an extraordinary meeting. Christopher Price, the chairman, has stood down. Brian Basham, a City public relations executive who was on the board, said last night: "If the *New Statesman* is to succeed ... it will need a new editor."

Sainsbury tops earnings

David Sainsbury, chairman of Sainsbury's supermarkets, collected £37.6 million in share dividends last year, more than 100 times his salary, according to a survey by the *Independent Labour Research Department*. Mr Sainsbury's salary was said to be £362,000, but income from his share stake in the family firm took his earnings to close to £38 million. Second in the survey's "league table" was Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, who was paid just over £7 million last year as chairman of the Really Useful Group. Dividends earned a further £19.2 million. They are joined at the head of the list by Ronald Hobson and Sir Donald Gosling who founded the National Parking Corporation.

Daly apology over abuse

Cardinal Cahal Daly, the Primate of All Ireland, told the Roman Catholic Church last night that it owed "the most abject and humble apology" to children who have been sexually abused by priests. As a papal envoy arrived in Ireland to prepare a report on the spate of child abuse allegations against priests, Dr Daly said in an address at the Cathedral of St Eunan and St Columba in Letterkenny, Co Donegal, that the Church must "love the little ones who have suffered". He has faced criticism for responding slowly to the allegations.

Paedophiles register

Convicted paedophiles would be forced to register with local police when moving home under proposals to be put before Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, at a national police commanders' conference this week. The proposals drawn up by the Police Superintendents' Association also suggest that child offenders would be banned for life from any work with young people. Chief Superintendent Brian Mackenzie, president of the association, said many senior officers involved in investigating sex attacks were concerned that "we are not doing enough to keep tabs on these people".

Briton goes to trial

A British prison fugitive will go on trial in Singapore today on a murder charge that carries a mandatory death sentence. John Martin Scripps, 35, from Wapping, east London, is charged with the murder of a South African engineer. He is also wanted in Thailand for the alleged murder of a Canadian woman and her son in Phuket. Scripps, who fled England while on prison home leave a year ago, has been linked with the disappearance in Mexico of Timothy MacDowall, 28, from south London. He faces 11 further charges in Singapore.

Rider crushed by horse

A veterinary student was crushed to death by her horse yesterday at the Parkgate Horse Trial in the Wirral. Clare Harrison, 21, was killed instantly when the horse, Robbo, clipped a fence, somersaulted and landed on top of her. Her mother and father were at the trials and witnessed the accident. Miss Harrison was three years into a five-year course at the University of Liverpool. Roger Harrison, her father, said: "Clare has had Robbo since the age of 13 and they shared a very close relationship. It gives us all comfort to know that Clare was doing something that she loved."

Violence greets Adams in Glasgow

SECTARIAN violence broke out in Glasgow yesterday as Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein leader, made his first visit to Scotland to address a public meeting. (Gillian Bowditch writes). Five demonstrators and one press photographer were arrested as protestors threw bottles and coins at those attending the meeting.

Fist fights broke out as 100 police officers struggled to keep the peace. Around 200 protestors, including pensioners and children, hurled abuse at the 300 people attending the meeting.

The demonstrators chanted loyalist songs and waved Union flags. Placards hung on a fence outside the hall read: "No terrorist apologists welcome in democratic Scotland" and "Gerry Adams anti-Christ".

Mr Adams was talking in Govan town hall in the heart of Glasgow. The Grand Orange Lodge of Scotland had called for protestors to demonstrate against his visit. Jack Ramsay, grand secretary of the order, put out a statement saying: "We are at a loss to determine what he seeks to gain from this visit. The support for him and the Sinn Fein Party he represents is minimal and can have no relevant input into their policies.

"There can be no doubt that his presence will cause a great deal of ill-feeling in the country as a whole."

Mr Ramsay said his members were involved in the demonstration but he said he had urged them to keep it peaceful. "I cannot say who was involved in the bottle throwing but we do not condone violence."

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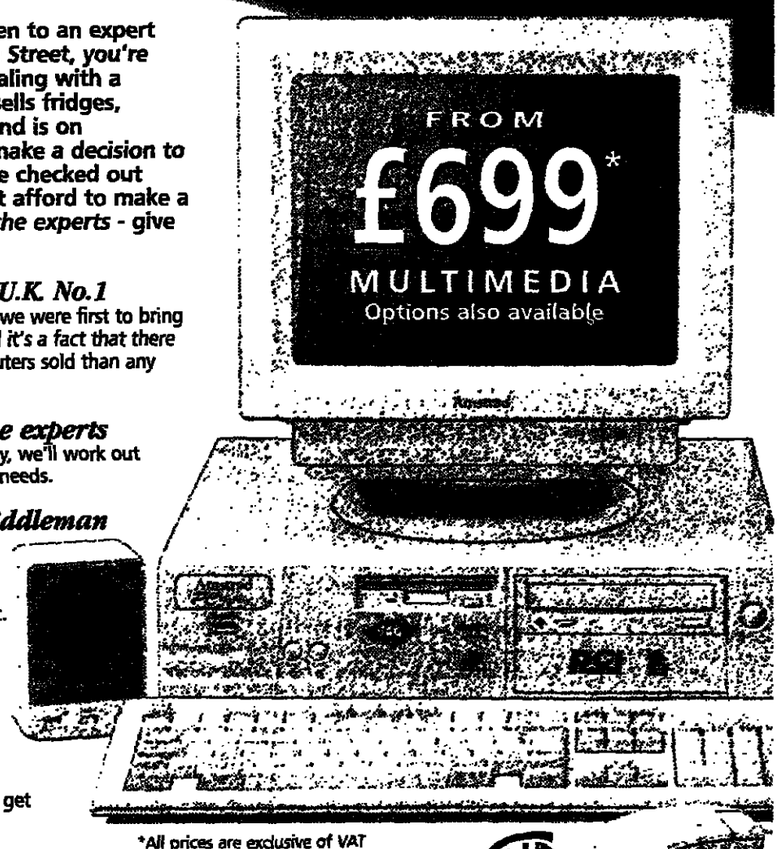
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Cantona returns to the delight of fans

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all week. Supporters roared when he appeared for the pre-match warm-up and put on a ball-juggling exhibition. When the teams ran out onto the pitch, Cantona emerged last to a ticker-tape welcome and thunderous cheers.

It took him just two minutes to make an impact, creating the scoring chance that was taken by his young team-mate, Nicky Butt. Having equalised, Cantona narrowly failed to score the winner with an acrobatic bicycle-kick which flew wide.

Chris McLean, a 40-year-old teacher, sported a beret, number seven shirt and string of onions and garlic around her neck. "Eric lifts the fans and the team" she said. "He has a personality, a charm, which no one else seems to have and we have been waiting for his return for so long. We have been talking of little else for weeks."

Fans from as far as Norway, Greece and France had travelled to Old Trafford for a glimpse of Cantona's skills. Paul Toohig, 29, explained why he had travelled from Cork to pay £80 for a black market ticket. "Because God is appearing at Old Trafford" he said. "Manchester United are talented, the boys are playing well, but he is the spark they need. He is back with a vengeance and he is going to stay."

Alan Woodhouse, 40, and his wife Pamela, 51, stood next to a hotdog stand on the main thoroughfare to the ground, both with berets and Mr Woodhouse wearing his number seven shirt with the collar turned up — just like Cantona. "He is so charismatic, so wonderful" Mrs Woodhouse said. "He motivates the whole team. He knows this is his last chance now and I just love him."

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'We have spent long periods of time away from each other and we have drifted apart'

Competing careers drove romantic heroes asunder

BY EMMA WILKINS

THE diverging careers of Kenneth Branagh and Emma Thompson placed their marriage in jeopardy long before their official separation.

Ms Thompson, 36, appeared to eclipse her husband when she won an Oscar for Best Actress in 1993 for her performance in the film *Howards End*. While Mr Branagh became the first British actor since Laurence Olivier to win Oscar nominations for both Best Actor and Best Director for *Henry V* in 1990, he has never collected the golden statuette.

Following Miss Thompson's Hollywood success, reports that the marriage was in trouble were dismissed by her agent, who said the couple were happily together in 1993.

Mr Branagh's career received a setback when his film *Mary Shelley's Frankenstein* was slated on its release last year. The production, reported to cost £35 million, starred Robert de Niro as the monster. One review said: "Branagh has indeed created a monster, but not the kind he originally intended."

The couple, who were once tipped to inherit the mantle of Laurence Olivier and Vivien Leigh, met in 1987 while filming the BBC drama *Fortunes of War* set in Athens and Egypt. They married in 1989 and held a reception for 200 guests including Dame Judi Dench and Brian Blessed.

Pressure of work meant that last year the couple spent just 100 days together at their home in west Hampstead, north London, where the Oscar has pride of place in the lavatory.

Their statement said: "It is with great sadness that we have decided to separate. Our work has inevitably led to our spending long periods of time away from each other and, as a result, we have drifted apart. The separation is entirely amicable but, as with the breakdown of any relationship, it is painful for both of us and we ask the media to respect both our privacy and that of our friends and families."

Mr Branagh, 34, who was compared to Orson Welles after his film *Dead Again* became a surprise Hollywood hit in 1991, has now moved out of the couple's home. He is staying at the home of Tamar Thomas, who is his personal assistant and wife of Gerard Horan, an actor.

Miss Thompson, who is the daughter of Phyllida Law, the classical actress and the late Eric Thompson, best-known as narrator of *The Magic Roundabout*, is reportedly on close terms with Greg Wise, a 29-year-old actor. Mr Wise, who played the romantic lead in the recent BBC series *The Buccaneers*, met Miss Thompson on the set of *Sense and Sensibility* earlier this year.

Mr Branagh, who published his autobiography at the age of 28, won early acclaim for his acting roles in *Another Country* in the West End and *Henry V* for the Royal Shakespeare Company.

The couple have worked together in the theatre and on film productions including *Peter's Friends*, *Dead Again* and *Much Ado About Nothing*.

Mr Branagh picked Helena Bonham-Carter, the actress known for her roles in adaptations of EM Forster novels, to play the romantic lead opposite him in *Frankenstein* and the pair became close friends.

Mr Branagh, who was born in Belfast but spent most of his childhood in Reading, was trained at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art where he won the Bancroft Gold medal. In 1987 at the age of 26, he founded the Renaissance Theatre Company where he took the role of actor-manager. His play, Public Enemy, was published in 1988.

Miss Thompson, who was a member of the Cambridge University Footlights drama group, followed her Oscar success with a starring role last year in *Junior*, a Hollywood production with Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny de Vito. The adaptation of *Sense and Sensibility* features Hugh Grant, the British actor.

1989: The couple married.
1990: Branagh nominated for best actor and best director Oscars for *Henry V*, which also starred Thompson.
1991: *Dead Again* became a surprise hit in America. Branagh directed and co-starred with Thompson.
1992: He directed, produced and starred in *Peter's Friends*, with Thompson and her mother, Phyllida Law.
1993: Both starred in *Much Ado About Nothing*, directed by Branagh.
1993: Thompson won best actress Oscar for *Howards End*.
1993: Thompson won Bafta for *Howards End* and Branagh won a special achievement award.
1994: Thompson won Bafta for *The Remains of the Day*. She began adaptation of *Sense and Sensibility* and went to America to film *Junior*. She began filming *Carrington*.
1994: *Frankenstein*, directed by Branagh and starring Robert de Niro, was slated by critics.
1995: Branagh went to Italy to film *Othello*. Thompson reportedly checked into a health clinic, suffering from exhaustion.



Kenneth Branagh and Emma Thompson met during *Fortunes of War*, above, and were married in 1989. Thompson, seen left in *Carrington*, won an Oscar while Branagh's *Mary Shelley's Frankenstein* was slated







Pavarotti marriage in trouble

THE curtain appears to be falling on the 34-year marriage of Luciano Pavarotti and his wife Adua (John Phillips writes). According to reports in the Italian press, a divorce could cost the tenor, 59, much of his £100 million fortune.

Long-standing rumours that all was not well in the Pavarotti household peaked in the summer when the singer was photographed reclining in a hammock being comforted with kisses from Nicoletta Mantovani, his 26-year-old secretary.

One of his daughters was quoted as confirming that their mother had given up her long-standing position as Pavarotti's manager-in-chief.

Dudley out, says wife

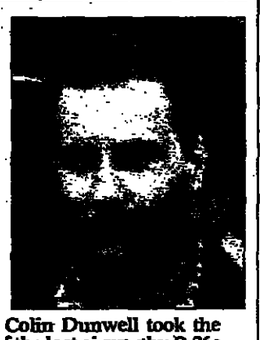
THE fourth wife of Dudley Moore has declared their short and stormy marriage over. Nicole Rothschild, 31, married the entertainer in April last year, and they have a son.

She offered her story of the marriage to a British tabloid for $150,000. Moore, 60, denied his marriage was in jeopardy. "All is domestic bliss and tranquility ... The sun is shining, my marriage is fine," he told the *News Of The World*, which declined Miss Rothschild's six-figure request.

Aircraft enthusiasts killed as US bomber crashes

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY





Chris Gardner, left, and Colin Dunwell took the opportunity to fly in one of the last airworthy B-26s

TWO British vintage aircraft enthusiasts were killed when a rare Second World War bomber crashed in the United States. Colin Dunwell, 35, and Chris Gardner, 24, were on a holiday to see old aircraft and to meet veterans.

They were offered the opportunity to fly in the one of the few Martin Marauder B-26s still believed to be airworthy. The twin-engined plane, rehearsing for a Texas air show to commemorate the end of the war, took off from the Confederate Air Force base in Midland.

Minutes later it crashed 20 miles away, exploding into flames in a field near Odessa. Three Americans also died in the accident, on Thursday.

The Britons were friends who devoted their spare time to restoring aircraft at the Imperial War Museum in Duxford, Cambridgeshire. They had travelled to America to spend a week at the Texas air show and two in San Diego, where they were invited to the annual reunion of the American Eagle Squadron, which consists of pilots who joined the RAF as volunteers before the United States entered the war.

The Britons spent their spare time helping to restore the fighter collection in Duxford. The planes there carry the colours of the Eagle Squadron. Both men had helped to entertain veterans visiting Britain and had already been to the United States to meet ground crew and pilots.

The plane that crashed was delivered to the US Air Force in May 1943 and decommissioned at the end of the war. It was used for racing and converted for commercial use before being grounded.

The Confederate Air Force began refurbishing the bomber in 1976 and has been flying it in shows since September 1984. The National Transportation Safety Board will investigate the cause of the accident.

Mr Dunwell, a divorced father-of-two from New Malden, Surrey, had been made redundant from his job as a fitter with British Aerospace and was hoping to renew contacts in America so he could work there.

"The only consolation for us is that he was doing what he loved, he was in the place he loved and he was in a plane," his brother Paul, 39, said. "When his life finally did come to an end it had a point to it. Planes were very much his life both in work and at play, ever since he was a kid."

Mr Gardner, a bachelor from Harlow, Essex, was a production engineer who devoted many hours to restoring aircraft. For the past seven years he was involved with the fighter collection at Duxford at weekends.

We might time-travel back to the future, says Hawking

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the favourite themes of science fiction has been given credibility by the eminent mathematician and cosmologist Stephen Hawking: time travel may be possible.

The Cambridge professor, once a firm disbeliever, says the Government should fund research into the scientific principles. His conversion comes in the foreword to a new book, *The Physics of Star Trek*, by the American astronomer Lawrence Krauss.

Professor Hawking writes that the research "doesn't involve much money ... what it needs is an openness of mind to consider possibilities that might appear fantastic."

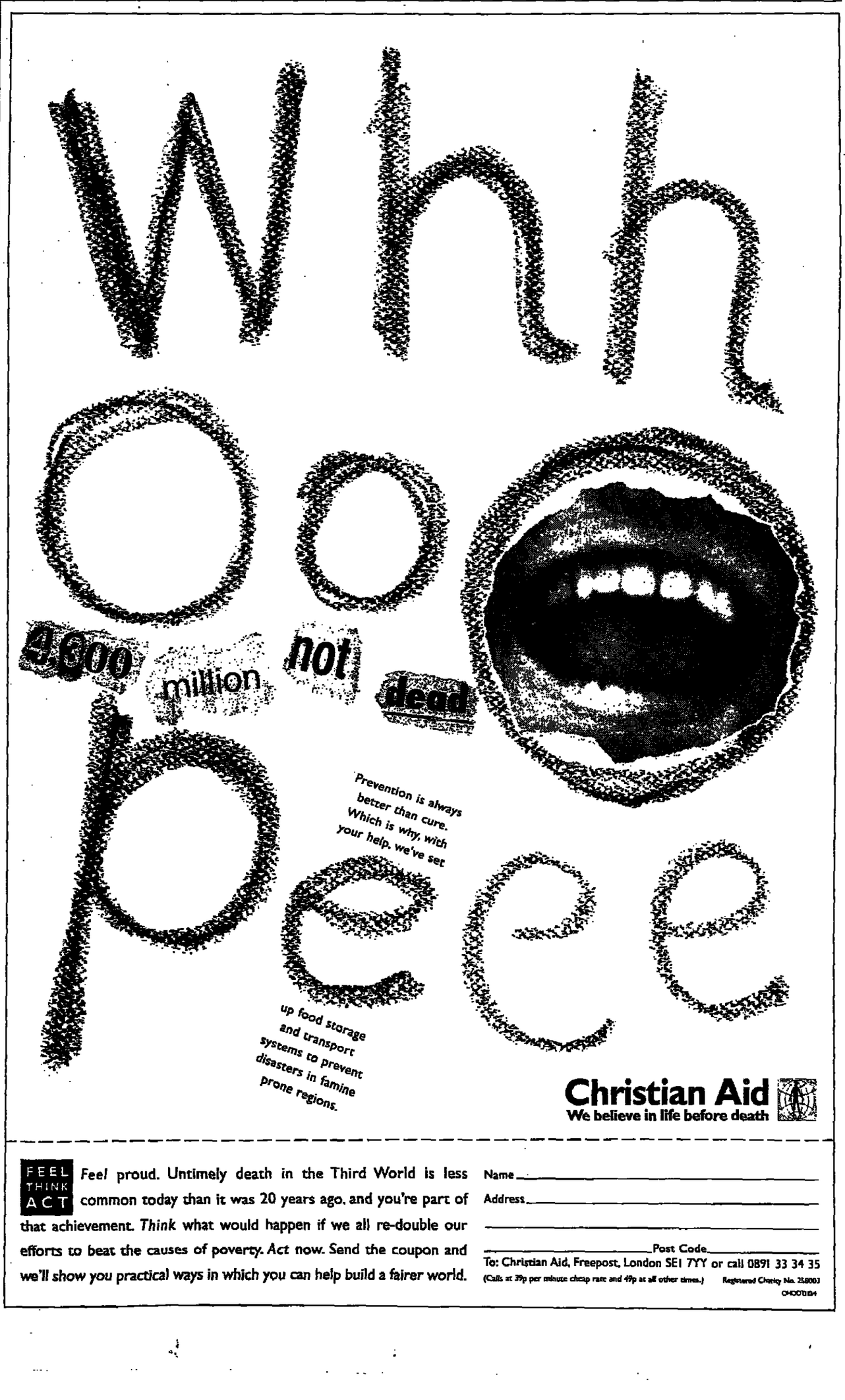
Einstein theorised that travel at enormous speeds would make it possible to visit the past. This has prompted ideas about black holes and worm holes, where stars have collapsed, and light and matter are sucked in at extraordinary rates. Gravitional fields might be so vast as to reverse the flow of time.

In a worm hole — two black holes linked by a funnel — a time traveller might pop in at one end and emerge out of the other in a different time. The tricky thing is that many scientists believe the traveller would collide with himself coming the other way. Latest studies say nature would not allow him to emerge anywhere near himself — or the place he left. The only place possible to visit might be somewhere on the other side of the universe.

Professor Hawking says: "If you combine Einstein's general theory of relativity with quantum mechanics, it does begin to seem a possibility."

Professor Frank Close of the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory said yesterday: "I do not know how serious he is. One speculates a great deal about things round coffee tables, in research labs and book promotions. Not necessarily the same level at which you might speculate when writing a scientific paper."

Professor Close said that he had several problems with the idea of time travel. "If it were really practical, why is it that no one has come from the future to tell us about it. There are two possible answers. The bad news is that time travel is possible but that the human race is going to die out soon and so we did not discover it. The other is that time travel is not possible for large scale objects like you and me."



Think-tank warns of civil disobedience

Road tolls 'could be another poll tax'

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

MOTORISTS could be provoked into a campaign of civil disobedience on the scale of the poll tax rebellion if the Government pushes ahead with its plans for electronic motorway tolls.

A study of the proposals carried out by an influential right-wing think-tank predicts a flood of court cases forcing the Government to abandon the "pay as you drive" system as millions of drivers ignore the tolls.

"If electronic tolling is not seen as fair, there is a very real risk of civil disobedience," according to yesterday's report from the Centre for Policy Studies, which has close links with the Government.

"Many motorists might decide simply to ignore the law and drive on motorways without paying tolls. The Government would be quickly overwhelmed by the number of violations and could have no choice but to abandon the system. The experience of the poll tax might not be entirely irrelevant." Motorists who rarely drove on the motorways would either be forced to buy expensive in-car equipment or face being barred unfairly from using the network.

The report, written by Michael Schabas, a transport consultant who advised on the Jubilee Line extension and the Docklands Light Railway in east London, said the complexity of the proposed system made it inevitable that thousands would be wrongly charged.

"Even if successful charging can be achieved 99.00 per cent of the time, there could be 300,000 spurious violation notices a year. Given the technical demands of communicating with an on-board device at speeds of 90mph on a congested road, reliability of 95 per cent or less seems more likely. This implies 100 million potential violations or more."

Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, announced two months ago that trials on toll technology would start next summer on a stretch of the M3. He promised that revenue estimated at £1 billion a year from tolls would be used to improve and build motorways.

The trials will involve three different electronic technologies for registering the presence of a vehicle and sending a bill to the owner.

The report proposes an alternative option under which motorists would register as low or high road users, and pay banded charges accordingly. This would be policed by a network of roadside cameras linked by microprocessor to a hard disc list of high-use vehicles.

Drivers travelling more than they had paid for would receive bills for the extra amount. Low-use drivers might pay £100 a year, while a high-use charge of £1,000 "would raise an easy billion or two each year."



Craig Buckley: was told that his spine is in similar condition to a 70-year-old

Child sport alert over ex-runner in a wheelchair

By Tim Jones

CHILD athletes were warned yesterday that they can be crippled for life if they begin marathon and long distance running before they are fully developed. The alert came as former teenage runner Craig Buckley told how he had been condemned to life in a wheelchair.

Mr Buckley, 22, said: "My spine has suffered the equivalent wear and tear as that of a 70-year-old. I have been told I wore it out because of too much of the wrong kind of exercise as a child."

At eight, he competed in half marathons with his father. At 15, he tricked his way into the adult section of the London Marathon. The black belt karate expert, who has two young children, said: "Distance running events were something I loved. I have no regrets. I was always very active."

Mr Buckley, of North Seaton, Northumberland, is to marry his fiance Helen Shore, 21, this month and is determined his physical condition will not depress him. He counsels other disabled people. He said: "I have two lovely children. I am getting married, and I am in the process of setting up business as a mobile car mechanic."

Garard Hargreaves, chief physiotherapist at the Newcastle Sport Injury Clinic, said: "I would not advise young people to do the kind of running Craig did. In the age range of eight to 12, children should be sprinting rather than competing in long distance events like half-mile or mile marathons.

"Young bodies grow in spurts and are vulnerable to a range of bone and muscle problems caused by the wrong type of exercise. While not everyone would suffer as badly as Craig so soon in life, the wrong kind of exercise in childhood can cause permanent spinal damage."

Children, he said, should also avoid weight lifting or over-vigorous training.



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West trial city prepares for media invasion

By Leyla Linton

THE trial of Rosemary West will be Winchester's most notorious case since Sir Walter Raleigh was condemned to death for treason in 1603. But, instead of Elizabethan quills and ink, proceedings will be recorded on CaseView for Windows, a software programme similar to that used for the O.J. Simpson trial.

Pubs have been stockpiling beers and spirits, every hotel bed has been booked for months and traders are trying to avoid looking too pleased about their autumn windfall. Winchester Chamber of Commerce believes £500,000 is a conservative estimate of the boost to the city's economy.

"We don't like to be seen to be profiteering out of something that is a tragic story," said Robin Hutson, co-proprietor of the Hotel Du Vin and Bistro, who has been asking for six weeks' payment to let rooms to journalists.

Alan Davidson, the court administrator, said: "As far as everyone in the court is concerned and everyone involved in the trial, this is just another court case. It will be handled in exactly the same way as if we were dealing with someone being tried for shoplifting."

Few alleged shoplifters can have attracted press applications from Ireland, France, Belgium, Germany, Australia, Norway, Switzerland, Spain and America. "And there will be more," said Mr Davidson. Court Three, where 41-year-old Mrs West goes on trial tomorrow denying ten murders, used to have space for ten journalists. It has been altered to seat 30 reporters and four artists. More than 130 journalists have been given accreditation. Five authors will also follow the trial, which is expected to last for about two months.

The judge, Mr Justice Mantell, will have a laptop computer on his bench. Identical terminals will be available to Brian Leveson, QC, for the prosecution, and Dick Ferguson, QC, for the defence.

The screens will display text of the spoken proceedings as they happen. Keystrokes made by a team of three stenographers will be translated instantly into words.

The centrepiece exhibit is a detailed model of 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester, where Mrs West used to live with her husband Frederick, a builder. He was found hanged in his prison cell in Birmingham on New Year's Day, aged 53.

Mr West had been accused of the same murders and two more besides, including that of his first wife. The prosecution alleges that the house and garden provided graves for nine of Mrs West's alleged victims, including her daughter Heather, 16.

There are 47 seats in the public gallery. Tickets will be available from 9am. Seventeen places have been reserved for relatives of the dead.



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Danger of turning a blind eye to safety

SNOW blindness, an acutely painful condition, is never welcome. But news that Paul Wells and Keith Mangan, the two British hostages in Kashmir, had been brought down from the mountains to receive treatment for the condition gave some comfort to their family and friends. They were grateful to learn that the two men were alive, although it was not disclosed whether snow blindness was the hostages' only medical trouble.

It is an acute condition, miserable and disabling while it lasts, but patients usually recover spontaneously and need no more than local treatment to alleviate the pain and discomfort. Vision is rarely permanently damaged unless inappropriate dressings have been applied to the inflamed cornea and have caused ulceration.

Snow blindness is the result of overexposure to the dazzling ultraviolet rays of the sun, which damage the conjunctiva and cornea. As with sunburn, the harmful effects take time to show. About six hours after exposure the cells of the outer layer of the cornea swell; later this layer peels off, leaving the exquisitely sensitive nerve endings exposed. When exposure to the sun has not been too extreme the result may be no more than an inflamed and watery eye. Greater exposure may impair vision so that it is at best blurred, or at worst temporarily lost. There is marked photophobia so that the patient cannot stand light.

The sun's rays are more damaging in the rarified pollution-free atmosphere of high altitudes or when they are reflected off snow. The corneal damage associated with snow blindness does not, however, occur only in the mountains or on the ski slopes. Similar hazards await sunbathers who are dazzled by the tropical sun reflected off the sand and the sea. Welders can suffer similar damage if unprotected by goggles.

Long-term overexposure to sunlight is thought to damage the lens and induce cataracts, and may even be a factor in the development of macular degeneration of the retina, the retina's ageing process, which is a cause of senile blindness.

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Dr Thomas Stuttaford

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Half are choosing a local university as continental trend halts the traditional autumn migration

Revolution by students who want to stay at home

BY DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A QUIET revolution in student life unfolds this week as record numbers of undergraduates begin courses while still living at home. For the first time, half of Britain's freshers have opted for a local university and an estimated one in five will live with parents.

The drift towards a continental system — studying locally is the norm in France, Italy, Spain and Germany — has led universities to put more resources into recruiting on their doorsteps.

The reasons against the traditional migration of 18 and 19-year-olds are financial pressures, an expanded choice of courses in many regions, and a "new seriousness" among students seeking to avoid the distractions of campus life.

Brian Ramsden, chief executive of the Higher Education Statistics Agency, said that the large metropolitan universities attracted the most home-based students, and added: "Roughly half of students are staying in the same area."

The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service said more than 45 per cent of applicants studied in their home region last year. Jess Enderby, a UCAS spokesman, said: "This is likely to increase."

Birmingham University sends brochures to local schools and colleges putting the case for home-based study. In a survey of its own home students, it found the most important reason was that it made studying easier. Frank Albrighton, its spokesman, said: "What you have got is a serious-minded student who perceives university life having too many distractions. They want to get their head down. We are recruiting high-achieving A-level school-leavers — traditionally the market where you are least likely to find students staying at home."

The survey also found cultural causes, notably among Asian women preferring to remain at home.

Wolverhampton University also estimates that half its new students will live at home. Like other former polytechnics, it has a long tradition of serving the local population.

Melanie Whyatt, its spokeswoman, said: "Our guess is that the main reason is financial. Many are mature students but we do perceive a rise in 18-year-olds staying at home."

In 1990, only one in ten students lived at home, but Britain still has a long way to go to match the French, German and Italian systems, where attending university locally is the norm. Only a tiny percentage travel further afield for specialist study, such as medicine.

Sir Christopher Ball, director of learning at the Royal Society of Arts, believes the trend should be encouraged by cutting the £1,885 grant to the £1,530 rate for home-based students. He said: "It is a very middle-class tradition for young people to go away from home, but it is not really a justifiable call on the taxpayer. This would save the Exchequer considerable funds which could be put into the further expansion of higher education."

The Department for Education and Employment said there were no plans to trim the higher grant. A spokesman said: "Ministers want students to go to the place which is right for them academically."

RICHARD WALKER



Sheldon Lacy's first year studying at home meant not worrying about his ironing but having to make a big effort to break into university social life. The 19-year-old, pictured above with his parents and sisters, is starting his second year at Hull University with no regrets about opting for home comforts in Cottingham, a suburb north of Hull, and with a bigger budget for beer than most of his peers. He receives £800 in grant annually and does not pay for board and lodging. His decision was primarily influenced by Hull being one of the few places offering his preferred course, Applied Physics with Laser Technology. He said: "You get your washing, ironing and cooking done and you have fewer money constraints living at home. I have friends who spend all their grant on accommodation and must have a lot more pressure to work over Christmas, whereas my main expenses are equipment and books. It was difficult at first, because I missed a lot of the fresher initiations. By not living in a hall of residence there was nobody to drag me out. The first three weeks were the hardest because I did not know anybody and I had to be more outgoing." However, home comforts have some disadvantages. Budding romance "can be awkward at a later stage". That is not all. "There are always people inviting themselves round for Sunday roast."

STUDENT A



STUDENT B

Sean Jones's ideal course was at Bath but, fearful of the expense, he applied to local universities. He won a place at Sussex but believes the system is becoming elitist, with only richer families able to afford their pick of universities. Staying at home with his mother in Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, he can help to make ends meet with a part-time job at Tesco alongside his studies in philosophy and artificial intelligence.

Mr Jones, 18, receives the full annual grant of £1,530. He contributes £60 a month towards housekeeping, leaving about £70 for course materials and socialising. He said: "I also want to avoid a student loan because I really want to avoid getting into debt."



STUDENT C

Local ties and tempting courses at several nearby universities led Claire Burnell to conclude there was no need to leave the West Midlands. She chose to live at home, even though her train fare will take up a large part of her grant, because her parents were happy to let her stay rent-free.

Ms Burnell, 18, lives in Halesowen, West Midlands, and is in her first term of a law course at Wolverhampton University. She said: "Obviously finance was a big reason for my decision, but there were enough opportunities in the Midlands not to need to go away. Also I really enjoy being with my family."

She receives £282.70 grant per term and pays £36 for a four-week rail pass.

Professor puts the cat among the pronominal pigeons

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

MISUSE of the pronoun has become so widespread in the English language that the rules should be relaxed to accommodate it, a leading grammarian says.

Professor John Honey, who is lecturing in Japan after a career at Cambridge, Durham and Leicester, has amassed a wealth of grammatical howlers by the great and the good. In an article in the journal *English Today* he shows that the Prince of Wales, Baroness Thatcher and even the author of the national curriculum for the subject are prone to confusing "I" and "me".

The Prince, who Professor Honey says is the future "chief exemplar of the King's English", made his slip in a television interview with Jonathan Dimbleby. Referring to his relationship with his wife, he said: "Us both having tried . . ."

Lady Thatcher's grammatical crime was committed in a 1976 radio interview when she spoke of "co-operation between those who can stamp out terrorism south of the border, and we who can do it north of the border".

For once, trendy teaching is not to blame. Professor Honey's 15-year study has shown that Shakespeare and Ben Johnson were careless with their use of pronouns.

Professor Honey writes: "My recommendation is that we now recognise the emergence of an alternative rule whose optional use by public figures, academics, royalty and others (not to mention the man/woman in the street) should now be acknowledged by the codifiers of the English language, by teachers, proof-readers, examination boards — in fact by all the agents of the prescriptive tradition, never forgetting that ever-vigilant critic, Disgusted of Tunbridge Wells."

Professor Honey, who is continuing his research at Osaka University, said yesterday: "I am a prescriptivist, but language evolves and we must be realistic about the rules. When something is used as regularly as this, the rules should be reviewed."

Other eminent grammarians were sceptical. Lord Quirk, one of the leading authorities in the field, said: "I would not go along with making 'I' and 'me' interchangeable. It is true that Shakespeare used both, but that did not make it any more correct. There are permanent pressures on language, and the fact that they are resisted shows that people recognise the value of correct usage."

Lord Quirk added: "This is the kind of solecism into which we all slip, but that does not mean that it is right for the majority of careful users. Some expressions, such as the replacement of 'I' in 'Who's there? Me', have become established in colloquial English, but one would still hesitate to use them in writing."

Woman found strangled

The body of a young woman was found covered with branches at a secluded beauty spot yesterday by a man walking with his two children. The unindentified woman, aged between 15 and 30, had been strangled with a ligature. Her body was discovered near Druids Altar, Bingley, West Yorkshire.

Police have been unable to link the woman, an Afro-Caribbean with dreadlocked hair, with missing person reports and say she could have come from anywhere in the country. They have appealed to the public for help in identifying her.

Happy return

A woman who received a life-saving double lung transplant is to return to the hospital where she was treated — as a trainee nurse. Barbara Herbert, 25, of Loughborough, Leicestershire, starts at the Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, next year.

Hunt for angler

Divers were called in to search for an angler who drowned while trying to free his snagged line. The man apparently slipped from a ledge into deep water after wading in at Chelmarsh, Shropshire. The alarm was raised by other anglers in a weekend contest.

Couple tied up

Two armed raiders tied up a middle-aged couple at home in Basingstoke, Hampshire, and hit the husband repeatedly about the head before stealing guns, cash and jewellery. Police said the couple, in their fifties, were deeply shocked by the attack.

Drug charges

Four more men will face drugs charges at Blackpool Magistrates' Court today after police inquiries into the death of Daniel Ashton, 17, who collapsed at a nightclub. Gareth Owen, 24, who appeared in court on Saturday, will make a second appearance today.

Steam ticket

The opening of Belfast's new Great Victoria Street railway station was celebrated with a special steam service from the city across the border to Dundalk, along the route of the old Great Northern Line. The original station on the site was demolished 19 years ago.

Lucky numbers

The pools firm Littlewoods launches its scratchcards in shops, post offices and petrol stations today. Each game will be dedicated to a charity, which will get 24p from each £1 ticket. Littlewoods hopes to make up to 3p profit per card.

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Haunted is a romantic ghost story based on the best-selling book by James Herbert and directed by Lewis Gilbert who also brought *Educating Rita*, *The Spy Who Loved Me* and *Shirley Valentine* to the big screen. Starring in *Haunted* are Aidan Quinn, Anthony Andrews, Kate Beckinsale and Sir John Gielgud.

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Trading officers will not push prosecutions

Tory MP urges national defiance of metrication

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A CAMPAIGN of civil disobedience to preserve imperial weights and measures was urged by a senior Conservative MP yesterday, as new laws enshrining the march of metrication came into effect.

Trading standards officers are already warning that they will refuse to enforce European rules making it a crime to sell a 5lb bag of potatoes or a pint of shandy.

Hundreds of small businesses have refused to conform to the new metric laws because of the costs of conversion. The UK Independence Party mounted a series of demonstrations around the country in protest at Metrication Day.

Sir George Gardiner, MP for Reigate and chairman of the 92 Group of Thatcherite MPs, urged national defiance by the British against the metric system, which was spread through continental Europe by Napoleon. Sir George said: "This is a day of shame for all past governments who have pawned our heritage knowing they can never buy it back. Pounds, ounces, pints, gallons are parts of our Anglo-Saxon heritage.

"There are plenty of examples across Europe of blind eyes being turned on commission directives. Let our trading standards officers do the same. All power to traders who refuse to bow to this diktat. Just wait for the public outcry if any trader is hauled before our courts. He would become a national hero overnight."

The Federation of Small Businesses has warned that hundreds of its members are at risk because of the average £3,000 cost of converting equipment and price tickets. The federation says that the Government failed to promote Metrication Day because it feared a rebellion by Eurosceptics. Traders face fines of up to £5,000 if they defy the law change, but trading standards officers seem ready to render the laws ineffective by enforcing them only if traders cheat customers.

Christopher Howell, the lead officer for metrication at the Institute of Trading Standards Administration, said: "Trading standards inspectors will adopt a common sense view of their difficulties. The Government has been late with publicity about the change, and there are areas where the legislation itself is confused and confusing. We will be working to minimise the inconvenience arising from the stupidities.

"We will be enforcing the law but in a sensitive way, by persuasion and not compulsion. People who manipulate the law to take advantage are the only ones who will be on the receiving end of any prosecutions."

The Federation of Small Businesses is calling for traders to be given the choice of selling goods in metric or imperial weights. It is urging a 12-month transition period.

A challenge to the legality of the change is to be mounted in the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. Dr Alan Sked, chairman of the UK Independence Party, said: "British citizens are being discriminated against because they have no option but to accept this. Nowhere in Europe are these measures being enforced with the full power of the law."

Yesterday, an anti-Metrication Day roadshow swept into the Cornish retailing empire Trago Mills. Bruce Robertson, the company chairman, said: "We are prepared to sell goods and products to any customers in whatever measure they want and understand. I have had almost 100 per cent support from customers. People from all over the country have written in to back us."

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Paul Reynolds has refused to adapt his farm shop to meet metric requirements

Farmer bans sale of French products

A FARMER in Wiltshire is so incensed by metrication that he has banned the sale of French products from his farm shop, declaring "We will be imperial" (Andrew Pierce writes). Paul Reynolds, who runs Allington Farm Shop, near Chippenham, says he faces a bill of several thousand pounds to change his scales to metric measurements.

Mr Reynolds, who has been trading for ten years, is one of hundreds of small traders to defy the law, which he blames on the European Union. "I sell homegrown produce when I can but I used to sell French apples. Now they are banned," he said.

Mr Reynolds, 45, who has a 180-acre farm, has refused to adapt his shop to meet metric requirements. He sells prepacked meat and cheese which, according to the new law, can no longer be sold in imperial measurements.

"I have just spent £250 on labels to last me the year. Now they are in breach of the law. Who will compensate me for that? It will cost me thousands to change my scales. I cannot afford it."

'As usual, no one asked shoppers what we thought'

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON

GIVE Europe an inch and it will take a thousand metres. That was the overwhelming view of shoppers on Metrication Day at Sainsbury's in west London yesterday.

The half a pound of tuppeny rice of the nursery rhyme was nowhere to be found. Instead, there was Sainsbury's economy long-grain rice on offer at 84p per kilo, or 8.4p per 100 grammes, as the shelf label helpfully noted. But how much per pound? They were not saying.

The other staple of the old rhyme, half a pound of treacle, was still being sold in 1lb tins at 69p. Heresy, really. What shoppers needed to know was that it contained 454 grammes. Another label informed us that this was 15.2p per 100 grammes.

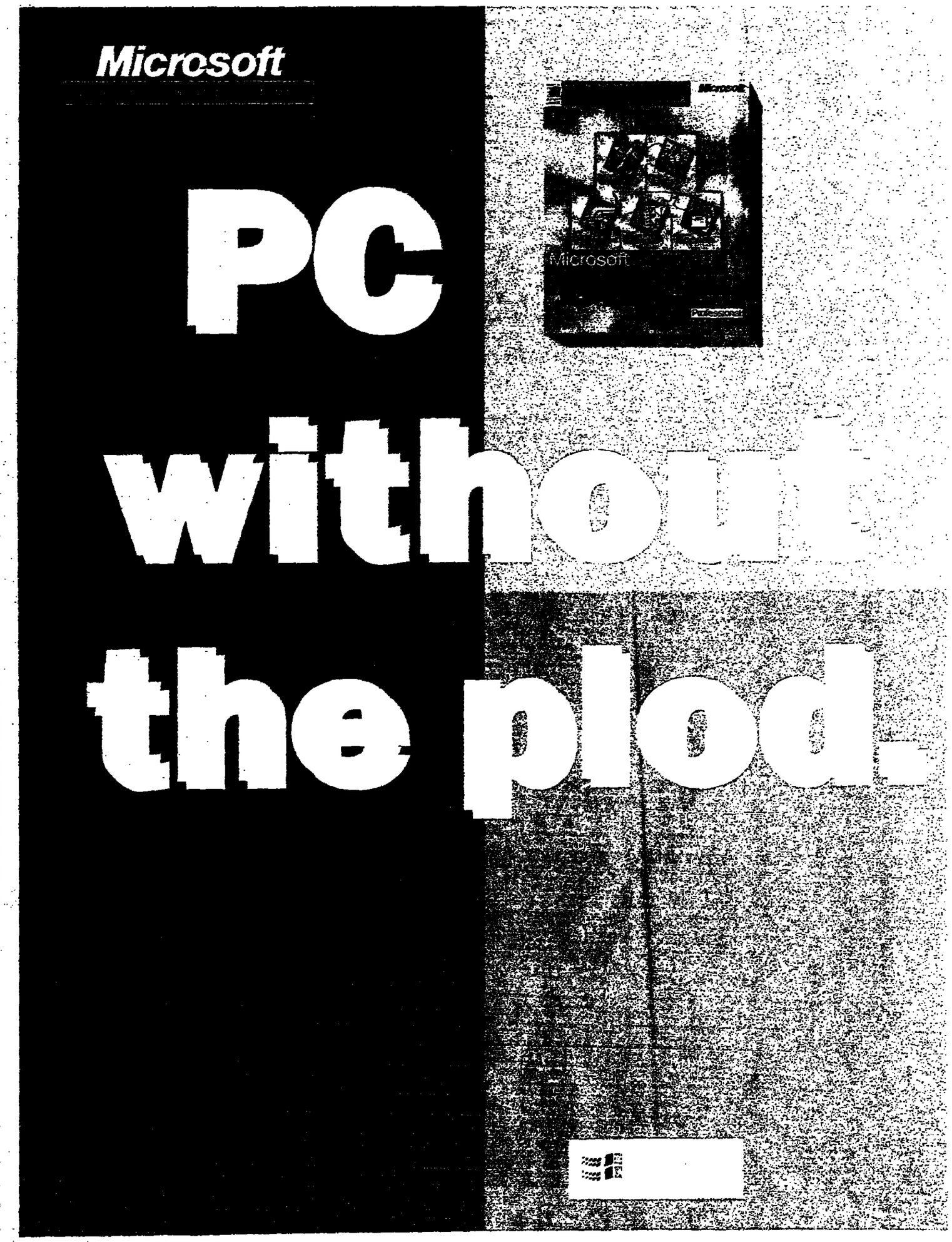
Sainsbury's insisted that it was showing measurements on its service counters in both metric and imperial "to minimise confusion". Which was presumably why brussels sprouts were listed at £1.49 per kilo, and in smaller print, at 79p per pound.

Freda Morris, a pensioner who lives in a housing association flat in Covent Garden, said: "It is shocking. Quite dreadful. I have been on a self-catering holiday in France and ended up buying twice as many vegetables as we needed. We don't need metric over here."

People seemed to be confused by the apparently anti-Gallic nature of a protest outside the store. One shopper, on being handed a leaflet by a member of Dr Alan Sked's UK Independence Party, asked: "Is it to do with the French nuclear tests in the Pacific?"

Dr Sked, in between handing out leaflets, told French and German television crews, fascinated by what they saw as a classic case of British Luddism, that metrication was undemocratic, unnecessary and unwanted. "Ninety per cent of the population is against. It confuses people. Small shopkeepers are going to go out of business," he said in multilingual soundbites.

Dennis Young, deputy manager of the store, insisted that he had received not one complaint from a confused shopper. However, Margaret Johnson, 63, from Notting Hill, said: "It is a long time since I was at school and pounds and ounces were always good enough for us." Patricia David, a former Wren from Chiswick, said: "As usual, no one even asked us what we thought."



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Lobby firms invest in old friends of future ministers

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT



POLITICAL lobbyists will be spending an estimated £750,000 in Brighton this week in the belief that the serious business of influencing the next Labour government starts now.

Dozens of lobbying firms will be throwing lavish receptions, organising dinners and drinks parties for MPs in a "champagne and canapes offensive", at which they hope their heavyweight corporate clients will be able to rub shoulders with future Labour Cabinet ministers.

Many of the lobbyists will be indistinguishable from the *conference activists, for until* recently that is what many of *them were. Lowe Bell, the* PR group run by Mrs Thatcher's *favourite Sir Tim Bell, and* Shandwick, run by John Selwyn Gummer's brother Peter, are among the lobbying *firms which in the past year* have been busy recruiting former Labour Party employees. For the first time, Sir Tim *will this week host a reception* for Labour dignitaries. An *announcement that two more* senior Labour figures have *joined the lobbying firm Public Policy Unit will be made immediately after the* conference.

The traffic has, however, been two-way. Nicki Lewis, who formerly worked for Dewe Rogerson, which grew prosperous as consultant on gas privatisation, is now in charge of the Labour Party's relations with the corporate sector. She said: "Anybody who is sensible in the corporate world wants to talk to Labour. It makes tactical sense because they regard a Labour government as a racing certainty. A week at the seaside provides the perfect forum."

She added: "We have had record numbers of applications from lobbyists wanting to attend. They facilitate the dialogue with the corporate sector and they all feel they have to be here."

Lobby firms also feel they must have at least one prominent former Labour activist on their books. While the traffic between lobbyists and Tory aides has always been heavy, former researchers to Labour frontbenchers are now regarded as an even more marketable commodity. For example:

☐ Sir Tim Bell's company, Lowe Bell, recently took on Neal Lawson, a 32-year-old former TGWU researcher and political adviser to Gordon Brown.

☐ Colin Byrne, 38, a protegé of Peter Mandelson, Labour's most famous spin doctor, for whom he worked at party headquarters, has joined Shandwick PR as deputy head of public affairs. His boss there is Tom McNally, 52, the former Labour MP and aide to Jim Callaghan who subsequently joined the SDP. No one any longer finds it the least bit strange that they should both work for a firm run by the brother of the Environment Secretary.

☐ Ian Greer Associates employs Robbie MacDuff, who worked for the late Labour MP Allan Roberts. The firm has just added the name of Jonathan Hopkins, a former adviser to the National Union of Teachers.

☐ Hill and Knowlton has on it books Julian Eccles, who had a spell as chief aide to Larry Whitty, the former Labour Party general secretary, and Aleks Scerzerbiak, a former Lambeth activist who worked for Gwyneth Dunwoody.

☐ Westminster Strategy has recruited Rex Osborn, once an opinion poll guru at Labour headquarters, and Mike Lee from David Blunkett's office.

☐ Phil Kelly, 43, the former *Tribune* editor who went on to work for Michael Meacher, has recently joined Grandfield Public Affairs.

☐ Mike Craven, 38, who had the unenviable task of securing John Prescott a favourable press, is now managing director of Market Access, a political consultancy which numbers many well-known City firms among its clients.

ANDREW HASSON



Mike Craven, former aide to John Prescott and now head of a political consultancy, at work in Brighton

Davies is greeted as Left's new star

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LIZ DAVIES became the new conference darling of the Labour Left yesterday as she defended her right to become a parliamentary candidate.

Ms Davies, the Islington councillor rejected by the party's national executive as a candidate for Leeds North East, was the star turn at the Left's main fringe meeting in Brighton. Party activists gave her a standing ovation as she made her way to the platform surrounded by photographers. Speaker after speaker supported her, insisting that the "injustice" of her treatment could prove to be "the watershed of the progress of Blairites in the party".

She said that she had been rejected as a candidate purely on political grounds and that none of the allegations against her had been substantiated. Her political beliefs were no different from those of many Labour MPs.

Among the reasons for refusing to endorse her was that she had been on the editorial board of the hard-left publication *Labour Briefing*. Ms Davies pointed out that several prominent Labour MPs had written for it and many editorial board members were long-standing members of the party.

"The only thing *Labour Briefing* did was sometimes upset the Labour leadership. I think the Labour leadership should be held to account and should be scrutinised by party members," she said to loud applause.

Alan Simpson, secretary of the left-wing Campaign group, said that the democratic base of the party was under threat. "There is far more than Liz at stake here. We have to make a stand. We cannot allow the party to be destroyed and dismantled simply because 99 per cent of us have not been born among the Islington chatterati." He accused party chiefs of a "crude and cruel witch-hunt".



Davies: given a standing ovation

Activists call for all-party talks now

BY JILL SHERMAN

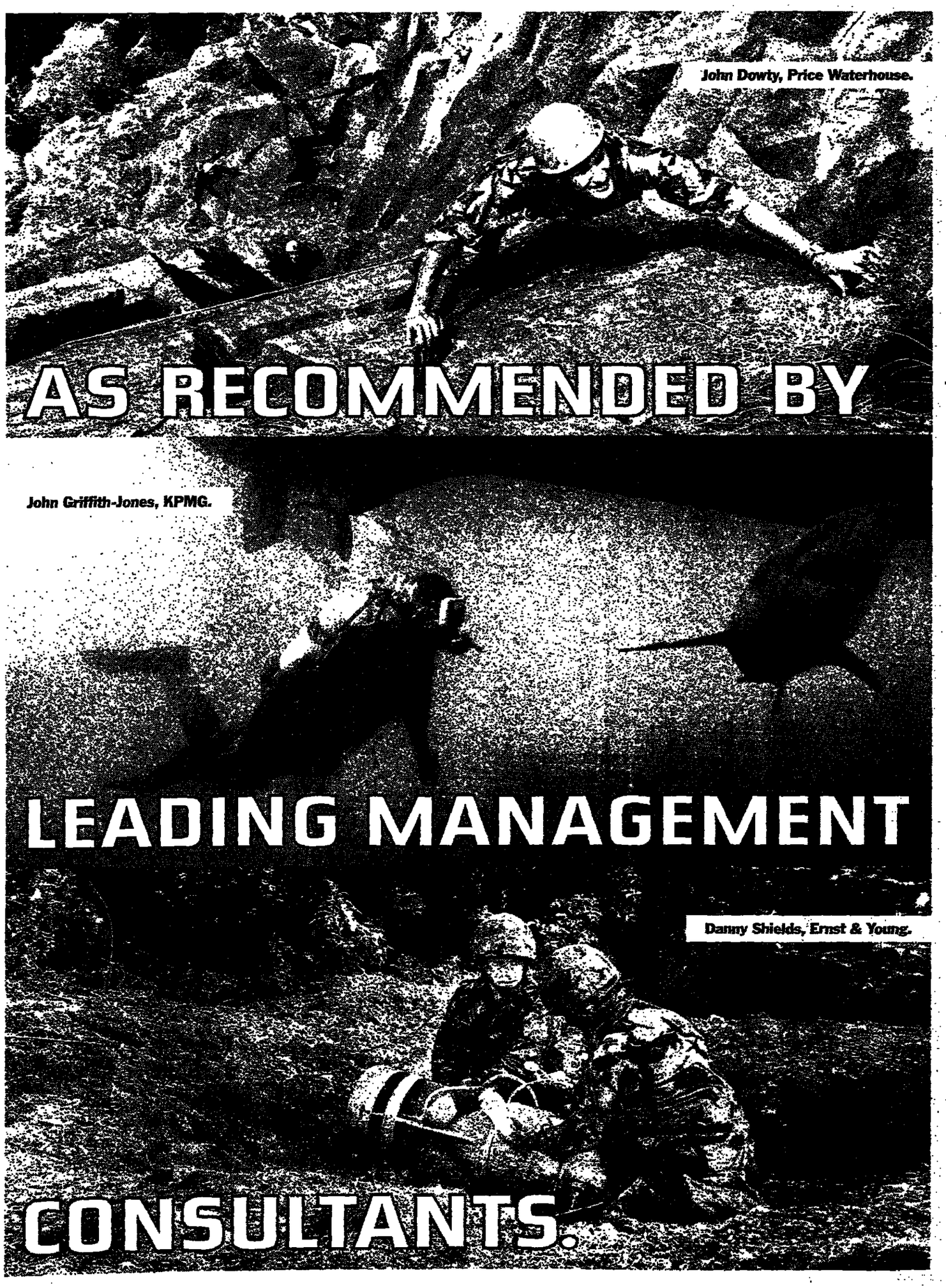
LABOUR leaders were trying to hide their embarrassment last night over a motion on Northern Ireland that calls for all-party talks to start without the IRA having to begin disarming.

The motion, which will be supported by the party's national executive on Thursday, says: "Conference believes that the conditions now exist for all-party talks involving those with a democratic mandate and that there should be no further delay in their taking place."

The composite resolution is also critical of the Government's failure to treat imprisoned paramilitaries in the same way as Private Lee Clegg, the soldier who was released early from his sentence for killing a joyrider.

Leadership sources made it clear that Tony Blair fully supported John Major's position on Ireland, including his call for the IRA to disarm. One aide said of the motion: "We can live with it."

The motion was seized on by Sinn Fein leaders as a "significant breakthrough".



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MPs warned off 'carpetbagging' Norris's safe seat

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TORY ministers and MPs were warned yesterday against deserting vulnerable constituencies to fight the safe seat vacated by Steven Norris, the Transport Minister, who is to leave the Commons at the general election.

Activists expect more than 600 hopefuls to apply for the Epping Forest seat after Mr Norris's announcement that he was to pursue a business career, for "very straightforward financial reasons".

Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor, whose Kingston seat goes under boundary changes, is likely to be among the MPs eager to defend a 20,188 majority. The ministers Sir George Young, Sir John Wheeler and Eric Forth and the former ministers Peter Bottomley and Sir Nicholas Scott are also expected to show interest. Sir George's Ealing Acton constituency goes under boundary changes. Sir Nicholas's Chelsea constituency is to become part of the new Kensington and Chelsea constituency, which will also include part of Sir John's Westminster North constituency.

Jerry Hayes, whose Harlow seat has lost 4,000 constituents to the neighbouring Epping Forest seat under boundary changes, is thought to be another possible contender to succeed Mr Norris. Several others, including Bill Cash, Nick Hawkins, Richard Tracey, Hartley Booth and John Marshall, are looking for new seats after boundary changes.

A senior member of the Epping Forest Conservative association, Dennis Ramshaw, gave warning that applications would not be welcome from "carpetbaggers": "Any known politician will have to come up with a very good reason why he is not fighting his own seat. If they think they can come here to fight a safe seat, they may be deluding themselves. A lot of the majority may be down to Steve Norris, not to being a Conservative candidate."

Mr Norris, who had a successful business career before entering politics, said yesterday that his successor should have experience of "real life" outside politics.

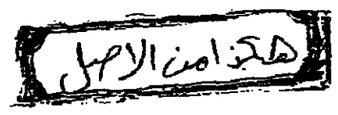
He made clear to friends yesterday that he would expect to earn "considerably more" than his £47,000 ministerial salary by returning to business. One said: "He doesn't complain about the salary but he is faced with a decision about whether he can provide more for *himself* and his family by leaving politics."

Mr Norris, 50, lost money by investing in an electronics company. He said in a letter to his constituency chairman: "The recession was not kind to my business, and at my age I am very keen to rebuild it."

He entered Parliament in 1983, winning Oxford East. He lost it in the 1987 but won Epping Forest in 1988.



Norris: standing down for *financial reasons*



Party leadership warms to idea of taxing child benefit

BY PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

SEVERAL prominent Labour figures gave clear signals yesterday that the party leadership is moving towards the taxation of child benefit to concentrate resources on the most needy.

Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, and John Prescott, the deputy leader, used interviews to counter suggestions that Labour may move away from the "universal" principle that the benefit is paid to all. Mr Prescott said he would fight to protect universal benefits.

Reamrks by Tony Blair last week were interpreted as meaning that he might scrap universal child benefit. Mr Blair said that: "I do not think that anyone disputes that those earning large sums of money do not really need to have child benefit." But Mr Brown, interviewed on BBC 1's *Breakfast with Frost*, said the Social Justice Commission had recommended that child benefit should be taxed like every other benefit. He went on: "Now that is what we are looking at at the moment." He said that Donald Dewar, the Shadow Social Security Secretary, would come forward with proposals.

Mr Brown said: "So in principle there is a case for looking at taxation but what Tony also said was that child benefit would remain a universal benefit paid to all mothers and therefore to all children."

Some Shadow Cabinet members have doubts about the technicalities of taxing child benefit because of the independent taxation system. But Mr Blair is believed to be pushing hard behind the scenes.

Mr Prescott also made plain that he favoured taxation as an alternative to scrapping universal benefits. He said that targeting welfare payments would inevitably result in many people who desperately needed help losing out. "You can do it in different ways without changing the principle of universality," he said in an interview for BBC TV's On the Record programme. "You can still pay it to those people and remove it in tax payments. You can still keep the principle intact, but then you remove it as income received by those people who don't need it."

Mr Brown, in his BBC interview, refused to be drawn on whether Labour would vote against any move by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to cut the standard rate of income tax in his November Budget. "We will look at it at the time. You don't rush to instant judgments on taxation. You make them in the light of the economic circumstances."

Neither Mr Brown nor Robin Cook, in a later interview, ruled out the possibility that a Labour government might raise taxes. Mr Brown said: "We have got no plans. We will announce what plans we have at the appropriate time, which is at the election."

Mr Cook, Shadow Foreign Secretary, later suggested that Labour might not vote against Budget tax cuts. He believed the Chancellor was planning a political trap — with a challenge to Labour to oppose tax cuts so the Tories could then go into the election saying Labour had tried to vote them down. "He could not have signalled up more clearly his political calculation than if he had come to the House of Commons with a large, flashing neon sign saying 'ambush'. It may just be that we won't be stupid enough to drive into the trap," he said.

But Mr Cook acknowledged that a Labour government might have to raise taxes. "We have no plans to raise taxes. But, as has been made perfectly plain, the judgment we make in any one Budget, as to what taxes may have to go up or come down and as to who will pay them, is a judgment that we make on each Budget's case."

Local party's motion is 'badly flawed'

Blair heading for resounding victory on minimum wage

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR looks likely to win a resounding victory on the national minimum wage today after trade union leaders split yesterday over a flawed left-wing attempt to set a precise figure.

Labour's conference, which opens today in Brighton, seems certain to back the party leadership's proposals for a Low Pay Commission, comprising employers and unions, to advise a future Labour government on a minimum wage. Even if attempts to force Labour into setting a precise figure reach the conference floor, they are likely to be rejected by a small but clear margin.

Close supporters of Mr Blair were delighted last night that he seems to be heading for victory on a major issue that, like his reform of Clause Four this year, has prompted strong opposition from the unions and from party activists.

In Brighton yesterday, Labour leaders seized on the agreement by local constituency party delegates to a composite resolution that calls for an hourly rate of £4.15 and confuses the arithmetical formulae used to set the unions' target. Left-wing delegates are backing a motion setting a minimum wage at half the median of male workers' earnings, rising to a target of two-thirds of average earnings. Arithmetically, such a target can never be reached since to do so would in turn push up the average and endlessly raise the target.

Delighted with what they saw as a blunder, Labour leadership officials ensured that every union delegation meeting yesterday was aware of it. What had seemed like strong union support for the £4.15 resolution started to melt away.

The biggest blow for the Left came when leaders of one of the main unions pressing for a minimum wage, the TGWU transport union, decided to urge the local party responsible for the motion to remit it. If not the union said that it would vote against the motion.

News of the TGWU's decision caused consternation in other union camps and led to a round of frenzied discussions by officials on the Brighton seafront and in the hotels lining it as they tried to adjust their positions.

Strong pressure was brought to bear on local party officials last night to remit their motion, or see it voted down. The unions ready to oppose it include the shopworkers' union Usdaw and the AEEU engineering union. With others they can probably command about a third of the total conference votes.

The unions ready to back it include Unison and the GMB general union, which with others command about 30 per cent of the votes. Local constituency parties are thought likely to back the TGWU, allowing Mr Blair a close but significant victory.

Bill Morris, TGWU general secretary, said that the union was ready to back a straight £4.15 motion but that the flaws in the available composite made it impossible to approve.

However, John Edmonds, leader of the GMB general union, said that although the motion was flawed, the union's policy was to approve £4.15.

Labour leaders are ready in any case to dismiss the motion if it is carried by the conference, arguing that it is for a Labour government and not the party conference to take such decisions. The divisions in the unions and the Left and the mistakes in resolution will allow them to insist that Mr Blair is correct in refusing to set a figure on the national minimum wage before the general election.

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SIMON WALKER



John Prescott with Tony Blair and his wife Cherie at Brighton racecourse for yesterday's Rolling Rose day

Favourites enjoy day at the races

BY JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

DONKEY derbies are Old Labour and out. Spotting the fillies on the flat at Brighton racecourse is New Labour and in.

The Labour Party not only went to Brighton racecourse for its first ever Sunday meeting, but also sponsored the event. Hundreds of delegates at the annual conference dragged themselves from fringe meetings and took taxis up the hill from the seafront for Labour's Rolling Rose day at the races.

The event was the culmination of the eight-month Rolling Rose roadshow aimed at boosting membership and taking the party to the people.

Stifling jokes about front-runners and who was holding the reins; Labour leaders took their families out to breathe the sea air and place the odd bet. Mr Blair — thoroughbred, leads from the front but needs big race experience — stalked the paddock. His trainers said he was in good form.

Would the Labour leader be placing a bet? "I haven't had a flutter," he said. "But it has been a great day."

Gordon Brown — can be good on the day — would not say if he had had a bet, making clear that he would not talk about uncosted policy commitments.

John Prescott — solid performer but tendency to buck at the reins — was also there. The deputy Labour leader urged punters to avoid a horse called "Navel Gazer" in the first race. "We are trying to get away from that in the Labour Party," he said.

The horse won. Naturally, his wife Pauline had backed it. "She never takes my advice," he said.

He also backed "Wild Rita" in the third, after his secretary Rita. It lost. However, Mr Prescott was more confident in the last race, in which "Thatcherella" was running. "I am crossing my fingers that she bloody well doesn't come in," he said.

The Rolling Rose team were delighted with the day. At least 60 members had been signed up while Labour sweatshirts and baseball caps sold swiftly. Brighton racecourse was equally pleased. "Brighton has never been so full," said a lady from the Tote. "The weather has helped, and I suppose the Labour Party has too."

Funds for smaller classes in doubt

BY JOHN O'LEARY EDUCATION EDITOR

TONY BLAIR'S intended pledge to limit infant school classes to 30 pupils will cost much more than a Labour Government could raise from the abolition of Assisted Places at independent schools.

At least a third of primary school pupils are in classes of more than 30 this term. The majority is in Mr Blair's target group of under-sevens.

Local authorities have told Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, that they need £364 million simply to maintain existing class sizes for the growing number of pupils.

There is no consensus on the savings to be made from phasing out the Assisted Places Scheme, but the initial amounts would be relatively small. The full £110 million cost of the scheme would not be saved for seven years because Labour has guaranteed that current awards would be honoured for the duration of the beneficiaries' school careers.

Even then, however, there would be extra costs to the state system in the education of 33,000 pupils presently in independent schools. Mrs Shephard's department puts the difference between the two sectors at £500 per pupil, suggesting savings of as little as £2.5 million in the first year.

Local authority leaders applauded Mr Blair's plans yesterday, however, and predicted that class sizes could begin to fall within six months of a Labour initiative.

Beware of Tory 'racism' says MEP

BY JAMES LANDALE

LABOUR'S Euro-sceptics were warned yesterday that it would be a "profound mistake" to adopt the Tories' "neo-racist" approach towards Europe.

Wayne David, MEP for South Wales Central and leader of the European Parliamentary Labour Party, urged delegates at a fringe meeting instead to go out and sell Labour's "constructive" policies to an increasingly sceptical public.

The move came as the party leadership prepared to stake out Labour's new "Euro-friendly" stance in a policy document to be debated on Tuesday. The document, *The Future of the European Union*, advocates greater scrutiny over the European Commission and Council of Ministers and greater powers for the European Parliament.

"It would be a profound mistake if anyone in the Labour Party believed that Europe was an issue which could be put on the back burner and quietly forgotten about," Mr David said. "It would also be a profound mistake to think that it was morally right or tactically advantageous to follow the nationalist, neo-racist policies of the Tories."

Brown to use windfall tax on jobs for young

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

GORDON BROWN will today unveil details of Labour's first manifesto spending commitment as he outlines a £1 billion package to end youth unemployment.

Under the proposals, a Labour government would use money from a windfall tax on the electricity and water industries to guarantee work and training for 700,000 young people. The Shadow Chancellor's package of measures will be aimed at all those under 25 who have been unemployed and receiving benefit for more than six months.

The party expects to raise between £2.5 and £3 billion from the proposed windfall tax, which would be introduced in a first Labour budget. Mr Brown's advisors claim that the scheme to abolish youth unemployment would result in net savings after four or five years as the benefit bill fell. However, they admit that the first year costs could be up to £1 billion. The plan, taken with proposals to help the long-term unemployed who have been out of work for over two years, is expected to eat up most of the revenue from the windfall tax.

Mr Brown's plan includes four main proposals:

☐ Private Sector: employers taking on anyone under 25 who has been jobless for over six months would be given a £60 a week tax rebate for six months on condition that the employee was released for one day a week for further education or training.

☐ Voluntary Sector: the young jobless would be paid benefit plus £20 a week for six months if they took jobs in the non-profit or voluntary sector. They would also be expected to do one day a week training or further education.

☐ Environmental Task Force: those doing environmental or social work would also get £20 on top of their weekly benefit provided they took up the education offer.

☐ Labour would also amend the 16-hour rule which restricts people in full-time education from receiving benefit. Under the new scheme, those under 25 would be able to attend courses and receive benefit.



Brown: proposing a four-point scheme

Party sources admitted that the scheme would be very costly because of the extra money needed to provide extra places on further education courses covering both fees and capital costs. Mr Brown has based his figures on 400,000 young people a year being unemployed for over six months. But in the first year of the party would also have to take account of 300,000 people already in this position. The calculations have also been based on a £50-a-week minimum payment plus housing benefit and means-tested benefit to be costed on top.

Labour is already committed to ending long-term unemployment for those who have been out of work for over two years. It has pledged a £75 a week rebate to employers who take on the jobless who fall into this category at a cost of £100 million in the first year. Today Mr Brown will make clear that Labour will focus on these two areas of unemployment in the drive to get more people off benefit into work.

Party sources disclosed that a Labour government would also set up an under-25 taskforce in the employment services to monitor the scheme to ensure that employers did not take advantage of the extra state help at the expense of existing employees.

Council chief set to defy NEC

BY IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

DAVE CHURCH, the leader of Walsall council, is pressing ahead with plans to decentralise local government after their condemnation by the Labour National Executive Committee last week.

At Labour's annual conference he will be lobbying for support and denouncing an NEC move to force Walsall's district party into line. Mr Church will tell delegates at fringe meetings that Walsall has been made a scapegoat for the past "loony left" behaviour of other councils. He argues that Tony Blair has been panicked by Tory criticism and that his party is only implementing a decentralisation policy in line with New Labour thinking.

The Walsall district party was suspended in August after allegations of bullying at meetings, and trade union complaints of lack of consultation over decentralisation. Under the NEC plan, the district party will be reconstituted, with a new annual meeting, and an updated rule-book. The party's regional committee will be put in charge of selecting candidates for the council elections in May.

The NEC has asked for an independent validation of the decentralisation scheme, which involves creating 54 "mini town halls" under locally elected committees. After the conference, three NEC members are to visit Walsall to conciliate with Mr Church and his colleagues.

Mr Church says redundancy notices served on the council's top nine officers still stand, despite strike action by Unison, and 70 applications have been received for the five new posts.

"We are not abandoning our election manifesto commitment to set up local committees," Mr Church said. "I doubt if the NEC intervention will mean any different candidates are selected. All that has happened is that we are behind schedule in picking the people we want to stand in May's elections. The NEC report is inaccurate in saying we need to consult more. They accuse us of going too fast but we are moving at a snail's pace."

Mr Church says that several party members are seeking an apology from Frank Dobson, the Shadow Environment Secretary, for claiming that bullying tactics were used at district meetings.

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Law lord claims young barristers earn too much

Reports by Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

A LAW lord has been accused of making misleading assertions after he complained that some young barristers earned more than he did.

Lord Woolf, whose annual salary is £114,874, told some 350 barristers at their annual conference in London on Saturday that they must reduce their fees or risk "killing the golden goose". He also urged an end to the traditional charging method of a brief fee, topped up by a daily refresher fee for each day in court.

Lord Woolf said: "In some areas of work the Bar has been able to pitch its fees in recent years at levels which could be open to criticism. I know of young men of a few years' experience who are earning more than a law lord." He added: "You can say good luck to them. You may even think they deserve them. But the fact is that just because solicitors will agree those fees does not mean they are justified."

Peter Goldsmith, QC, the chairman of the Bar, said Lord Woolf's comments did not apply to the vast majority of barristers. "There are some senior practitioners, who will include a handful of juniors — not silks, but highly experienced — who will gross more than a law lord. But these earnings are gross and they are not out of legal aid. They are in substantial commercial cases where clients are negotiating the fees."

It was "terribly misleading" to suggest that this was what the junior Bar was earning from legal aid when a barrister working in the Crown Court could find himself earning less than £20 an hour, he said.

Lord Woolf, who has already outlined proposals for the biggest upheaval to the civil courts this century, also called for an end to the system of brief fees and refreshers. Under his proposals, aimed at cutting costs and delays in civil disputes, people should be able to obtain quotes for the cost of their cases going to trial.

He said one of the main proposals was for a new fast-track court for all claims of under £10,000, where the costs would be capped and litigants given a fixed charge for the different stages of litigation. Such fixed fees were increasingly being demanded by big company clients. "The Bar must surely be prepared to offer fixed fees for the whole of the course of the litigation. Brief fees and daily refreshers must surely have a limited life. Fixed but reasonable costs are to be an element of importance on the new fast track."

Lord Woolf gave a warning that if the Bar did not pitch its fees at competitive levels its members, and especially new entrants, would be excluded from some areas of work. "The high charges sometimes reflect a shortage of members of the Bar with the required expertise, but this is a problem which the profession, through the Bar Council, should tackle in co-operation with the other half of the profession."

Later in the conference, Lord Woolf's comments were echoed by Michael Seymour, president of the London Solicitors' Litigation Association. He said that "the major problem is over brief fees, which are generally regarded as too high, but arise for negotiation when it is too late in practice to change counsel.

"Clients accept that counsel should be paid for what they have done, but it is difficult to accept that they should be paid for what they have not had to do, particularly if they have other work to take its place," he said.

Criticisms of the high fees earned by barristers are driven by the disparity between the bottom and top of the profession, which can range from £20,000 to £1 million. Young barristers usually start their careers with an overdraft of several thousand pounds, incurred during training. Earnings of £15,000 to £20,000 are common for the first five years but, after that, barristers who go into commercial work can enjoy a rapid rise. At least a dozen have been identified as earning £1 million a year.

A survey last week by Chambers & Partners, the publishers, found hourly rates for commercial and company work ranging from £65 to £220 outside London and £135 to £335 in London. Brief fees — the lump sum for taking on a case — can range from several hundred pounds to £500,000 or more, depending on the length and complexity of the case, and seniority of counsel.

Euro court must stop playing politics, says Cash

BILL CASH, the leading Euro-sceptic MP, demanded curbs on what he called the increasingly political European Court of Justice. The judges were increasingly acting outside their powers in what amounted to "legal-political power playing", he told the conference.

They had a "gargantuan appetite for more power on the basis of increased competencies which they are themselves creating". Mr Cash said. They "seem to think they are on some kind of Messianic mission, which is exceedingly dangerous".

The forthcoming intergovernmental conference would provide the chance to examine the court's powers. He said the current judges were all chosen because they supported the drive towards the federal objective. "Would it not be refreshing if they appointed a Euro-sceptic or Euro-realist?"

He added that when the judges gave their ruling, there was just one judgment, with no separate or dissenting judgments. They swore to uphold secrecy and there was no right of appeal.

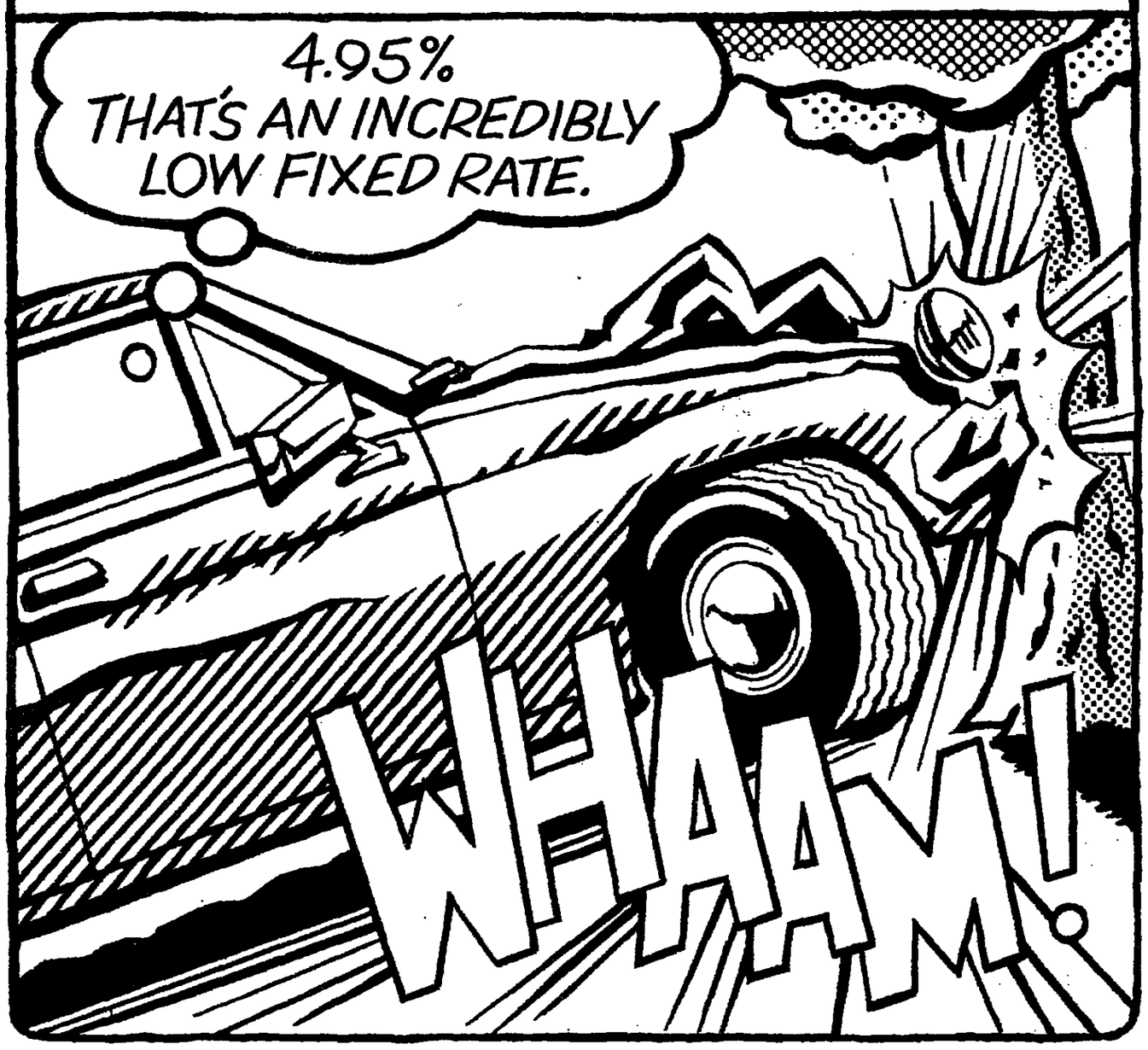
Mr Cash called for measures to stop the court making judgments which were applied retrospectively; for the judges to give attributable and named judgments; and for all the judges to have had High Court experience — "no politicans, advisers or academics".

Lord Howe of Aberavon said that the European Court had "pioneered decisions of undoubted good sense", despite some controversial rulings. There were two reasons for political dismay: the delay in some member states in implementing EC directives and the fact that some of the most important court decisions have been in the politically sensitive areas of employment, he said.


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Lord Howe: said the European Court had pioneered some good decisions

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Bar chairman rejects reform of legal aid

GOVERNMENT proposals to limit the amount spent on legal aid should be scrapped, Peter Goldsmith, QC, chairman of the Bar, said.

The proposals, contained in a Green Paper issued this year, were "ill-thought out and won't achieve what the Government thinks they will". Mr Goldsmith said. Legal aid costs the Government £1.4 billion a year.

The Lord Chancellor has proposed an overhaul, to control rising costs and to redirect the money to where it is most needed. Mr Goldsmith said the proposals, involving the first cash limits and the awards of legal-aid contracts to law firms and advice bureaux, constituted "short-term, crude and monopolistic" cuts.

However, James Munby, QC, a senior member of the profession, agreed with the thrust of the proposals. Spending on legal aid was increasing "at an unacceptable and unsustainable rate". For years, the Lord Chancellor had been giving the profession a "blank cheque, and the money has not been spent wisely. We have to accept that total legal-aid expenditure is rising too fast, that it must be brought under control, and that the guiding principle must be value for the taxpayers' money," he said.

Mr Munby called for a series of reforms: the resolution of certain cases by out-of-court methods, such as mediation, arbitration or ombudsmen; increased use of non-lawyers or paralegals, with advice agencies providing a greater first port-of-call service; and the eradication of so-called Spanish practices. These included the unnecessary use of two counsel; having a solicitor or his clerk attending on counsel; all the lawyers for all the parties attending throughout a long trial; and unnecessary pre-trial preparation and "undue prolixity" in court.



Goldsmith: said moves were ill-considered

He added that there was no reason why the profession should not be paid through fixed fees. He called for fund-holding — as proposed in the Green Paper — by law centres and or advice agencies.

Marlene Winfield, of the National Consumer Council, said that using block contracts for legal aid would increase the potential for political control of access to justice. "The proposals for contracting and block funding should not be put at risk by being ill-thought out. The reforms need to be approached in stages. Franchising, either of solicitors or the advice sector, should not be extended until we know it is working properly."

Proposals to audit the success rates of lawyers "must not reward the taking on of easy, safe and uncontroversial cases at the expense of the difficult and those important in defining the boundaries of the law and public interest".

Vision of the future courtroom

A FORECAST of the changing legal world in the year 2000 — featuring wigless judges, shorter speeches by barristers in court and more use of written arguments — was outlined by Mr Justice Potter, the judge in charge of the Commercial Court lists.

The Commercial Court, which celebrates its centenary today, was now in the vanguard of changes inside the legal profession, he said, and already practised the kind of case management by judges being proposed by Lord Woolf.

But the next few years would see further reform, he claimed. "I foresee a position in which we will move to a system where oral submissions are under time limits, thus increasing the limits of written advocacy.

"Cross-examination is likely to be placed under similar time constraints and it may

QC urges training for judges

LORD WOOLF'S plans to turn judges into trial managers cannot work unless millions are put into training judges, Lord Williams of Mostyn, QC, a senior libel lawyer and former Bar chairman, said. The Woolf proposals envisage judges managing cases, setting time limits and identifying key issues.

Lord Williams, a Labour peer, said the system of appointing judges was amateur and the training system was even worse. "One week's training every five years for a man or women with that degree of power is absurd." He called for the Judicial Studies Board, which oversees training on a small budget, to be expanded into a Judicial Studies Commission, under a senior judge and with a chief executive.

Lord Alexander of Weedon QC, another former Bar chairman and a Tory peer, said he was "very sceptical" that the

Abacha pledges return to civilian rule in Nigeria

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN LAGOS

THE Nigerian military ruler, General Sani Abacha, moved yesterday to ease international and domestic pressure on his beleaguered regime, promising to commute sentences on 40 alleged coup plotters and detailing a programme for the transfer of power to civilian rule in 1998.

"In consideration for the earnest pleas of our friends and in the spirit of national reconciliation which has been the centre piece of this administration's policy, [the] Government has decided to commute the sentences on the coup plotters," General Abacha said during a radio and television broadcast to mark Nigeria's thirty-fifth independence anniversary. "This situation will be reviewed at the appropriate time."

The conviction of 40 people at a secret military tribunal earlier this year drew international condemnation and appeals for clemency from the Pope and Boutros Boutros Gali, the United Nations Secretary-General. Those convicted include General Olusegun Obasanjo, the former head of state, and Shehu Musa Yar'Adua, his former deputy, who was reported to have been among 14 sentenced to death. Critics of the Abacha regime accused it of dreaming up the coup plot last March to crack down on pro-democracy campaigners and divert pressure for the return to civilian rule. All previous coup trials in Nigeria have led to some executions and yesterday's historic reprieve was hailed by Western diplomatic officials as an encouraging development. However, their positive response was tempered by General Abacha's silence on the details of prison sentences for the coup plotters and his continued intransigence over calls for the release from jail of Chief Moshood Abiola. The multimillionaire entrepreneur is widely believed to have won the presidential election in 1993 which was annulled by the military. Charged with treason by the regime, his case has stalled in court and appeals for his release have been brushed aside.



General Abacha: refuses to release Chief Abiola

General Abacha said Chief Abiola was not a political prisoner and restated his view that the case was judicial. Kudirat, the chief's senior wife, responded yesterday that the trial would be prejudged and called for Western governments to impose sanctions on Nigeria to press for his release.

There have been growing calls for wide-ranging economic sanctions against Nigeria in recent months. Relations between Britain and Nigeria are at a low point and last month John Major refused to see the country's Foreign Minister during his visit to Britain.

Observers in Nigeria were surprised about the depth of detail of the proposed programme leading to civilian rule by October 1, 1998, and said the concessions offered could bring a large part of the political class on board.

General Abacha lifted the ban on two newspapers groups — including Chief Abiola's Concord — which were prescribed last year, and promised a series of elections at all levels of government, culminating in a presidential vote in the third quarter of 1998. He also said the Government had approved the principle of rotating the presidency among six zones in the country.

☐ **Rebel group formed:** Wole Soyinka, the exiled Nigerian Nobel prize-winner for literature, said in London on Saturday that the underground National Liberation Council of Nigeria had been formed with the aim of ousting the Abacha regime. *(Reuter)*



Captain Combo Ayouba, centre, parades through Moroni, the capital of the Comoros, after taking power

French warships put pressure on Comoros

BY SUSAN BELL
IN PARIS AND
OUR FOREIGN STAFF

FRANCE has sent warships to its former colony, the Comoros, after last week's coup led by Colonel Bob Dénard, the French mercenary. Officially, the ships are part of an operation to protect the 1,500 French citizens in the Indian Ocean islands, but observers say the vessels have been sent as a warning to Colonel Dénard and his mercenaries to leave.

France has condemned last Thursday's coup, cut off economic aid, and put its troops on standby amid calls for military intervention by the Comoros Government. Insiders say Paris is hoping that, by stepping up pressure on Colonel Dénard, it will be able to avoid military intervention. Island opposition parties have hailed President Djohar's overthrow and given qualified backing to Captain Combo Ayouba's Transitional Military Committee, which has promised free elections next year.

But many of the 450,000 islanders are clearly opposed to Colonel Dénard, 66. Captain Combo has said the deposed President is safe in his custody.

De Klerk threatens to quit Cabinet after Mandela row

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

THE personal relationship between President Mandela and F. W. de Klerk, the Second Deputy President and leader of the National Party, has plummeted to a new law after a public confrontation between the two Nobel Peace Prize laureates. The flare-up followed a business banquet that they both attended in Johannesburg.

In an address to leading businessmen on Friday night, Mr Mandela declared that those who blamed his Government for South Africa's crime wave were being dishonest. He said the situation had been inherited from the apartheid era and National Party governments that had deployed 80 per cent of police resources in all-white areas.

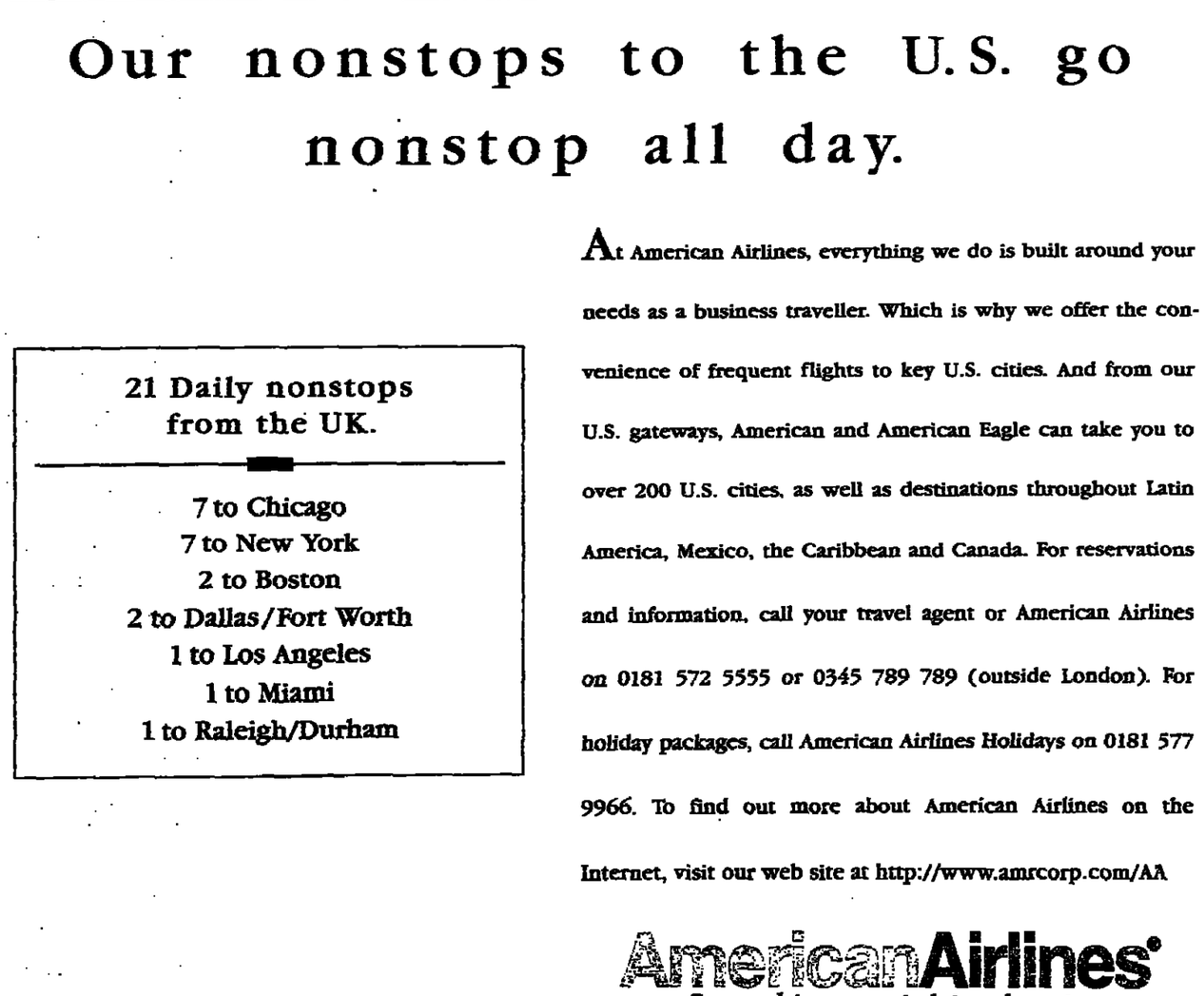
The President is believed to have told his aides to ask Mr de Klerk to see him after the speech. However, the two men left the function together and confronted each other in the street. Mr Mandela was seen waving his finger before the two men exchanged a brief handshake and got into their cars.

In a statement on Saturday, Mr de Klerk said he would seek an early meeting with Mr Mandela for "serious and straight talk at leadership level". He indicated that he was again reconsidering whether to remain in the Government of National Unity. However, a spokesman for Mr Mandela said: "The President will not respond to blackmail." The remarks on the crime wave had not been directed personally at Mr de Klerk but at the National Party, the spokesman added.

Earlier this year, Mr de Klerk threatened to walk out of the Government after Mr Mandela disclosed details of a pre-election indemnity granted by Mr de Klerk's administration to thousands of policemen and two former Cabinet ministers for possible apartheid-era crimes.

ANC ministers say that Mr de Klerk, while being a brilliant political manager, "is pedantic and has not taken easily to being number three. Madiba [Mr Mandela] gets irritated with this."

In his statement on Saturday, Mr de Klerk said he objected to the fact that Mr Mandela had used a non-political platform for party political purposes. It is unlikely that there will be any lessening of the tension until well after the local government elections scheduled for November 1.



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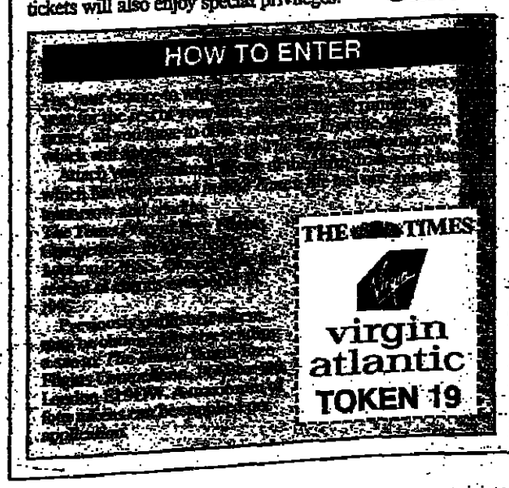
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FBI called in after Palestinian dies in police custody

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE FBI is to join the investigation into the death of a Palestinian American grocer who died while being interrogated by one of the six shadowy secret police forces working for Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation leader, Israel radio said yesterday.

There have been five previous deaths of Palestinians in the hands of the new Gaza-Jericho security services. However, the death in custody of Azzam Mosleh, 52, who lived in Dallas, Texas, has done more than any other to focus international attention on allegations that heavy-handed tactics, including torture, are becoming standard practice in the newly autonomous Palestinian areas.

The death of Mosleh 36 hours after he was taken by six plainclothes PLO security agents from a coffee shop in the West Bank village of Ein Yabroud was officially attributed to a heart attack brought on by the heat in Jericho. Relations dismissed the claim despite attempts by the PLO secret services to silence them.

The dead man's son, Shaheed, 20, said that he believed his father was tortured in detention. "There are signs of beatings and cigarette burns on the body," he said. Other witnesses said that cuts, welts, bruises and evidence of bleeding from the ear were also visible.

Human rights campaigners, who are concerned at the abuses taking place in Mr Arafat's name, said yesterday that without the United States connection, the death probably would have rated little attention. As it is, the PLO leader is under pressure to provide the Clinton Administration with a detailed account of how it came about.

"This is not an auspicious beginning," said Kathleen Riley, the US Consul in Jerusalem, referring to the new Israeli-PLO accord extending Palestinian rule to the West Bank. At the exact time it was being signed in Washington, Mr Mosleh, whose relative wealth had earned him the nickname of "the millionaire" in Ein Yabroud, his home village where he returned every year, was being questioned in Jericho.

The Palestinian security services, whose net will be spreading to all the main Palestinian towns in the West Bank over the next six months, had already been accused of systematic torture. Among cases cited by the human rights watchdog B'Tselem were that of a 24-year-old Palestinian woman who was sprayed with teargas and had hot wax poured on her body in an attempt to force her to confess that she had collaborated with, and had sexual intercourse with, two Israelis.

She said that twice during her interrogation her nipples were pulled with pincers. She added: "They asked me to take my clothes off, except for my underwear. They tied my hand and one leg and hung me from a tree. They beat me all over with a stick and rubber hoses."

Settlers blockade frontier crossing

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

PROTESTS by militant Jews spread to the Jordan Valley yesterday when more than 100 settlers opposed to the impending extension of Palestinian self-rule to the occupied West Bank blocked entry to the Allenby Bridge crossing into Jordan for several hours.

Hundreds of travellers were delayed and traffic across the bridge stopped for most of the morning until police intervened to drag the protesters away. About 12 were arrested, but according to Israel's army radio network, most were quickly released.

In the past, residents of the Jordan Valley's mainly agricultural settlements have not joined in militant protests, and the latest development is a sign of trouble to come among the 140,000 West Bank settlers as the peace accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation signed last week is implemented.

Over the weekend, settlers also went on the rampage against Palestinians in Hebron where several thousand Jewish outsiders flocked to demonstrate solidarity. On Saturday, about 100 Jews marched, chanting "Slaughter the Arabs", and attacked two American women from a Christian peace group who tried to film the demonstration. The Israeli military police confirmed yesterday that a military anti-riot squad had been formed to deal with the expected growth in violence between the settlers and the authorities, and the settlers and the Palestinians, as the plan to move Israeli troops out of West Bank towns is put into effect. "Once troops around the towns of Ramallah and Hebron are moved, things are very likely to escalate," one senior officer said.

Near the Allenby Bridge, one settler called Liora said: "The Jordan Valley has been abandoned. All the terrorists and killers are free to come and go and kill anybody in the settlements."

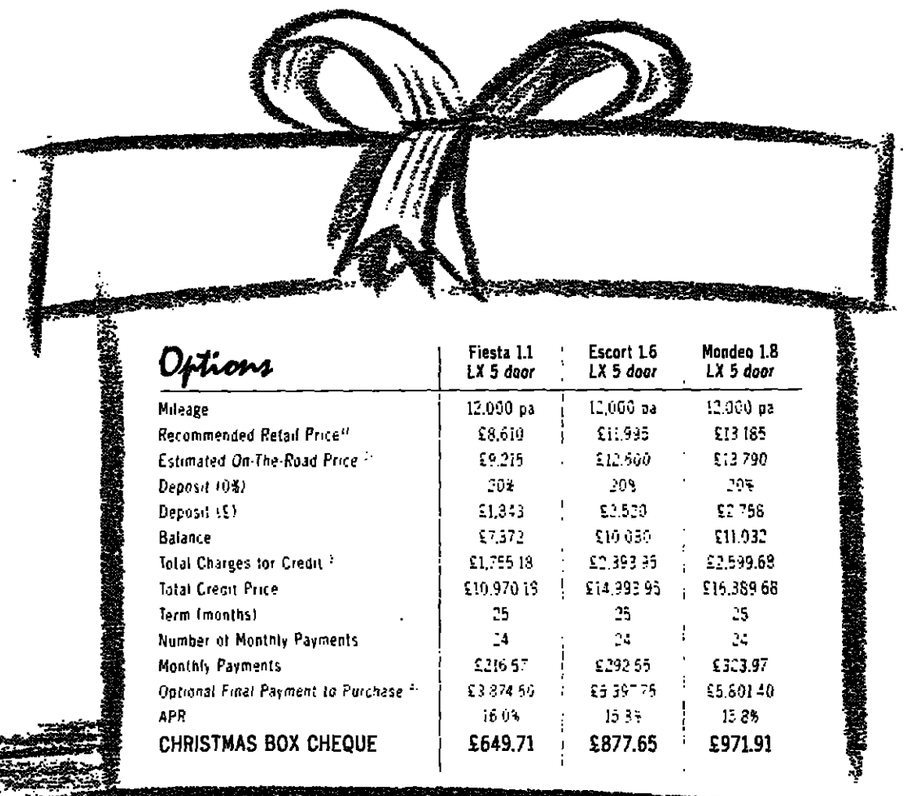
Jordan Valley settlers revealed that, like those in traditionally more militant parts of the occupied West Bank, they were setting up a vigilante force to operate when troops pull back.



An Israeli policewoman grapples with one of the Jewish protesters who blocked a Jordanian border point yesterday



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Algerian gunmen kill 18

Rabat: Algerian gunmen murdered 18 people, including three children, and injured 13 yesterday when they attacked a bus carrying civilians near Laghouat, 255 miles south of the capital, Algiers (Mark Huband writes).

A government security forces' statement said that in the ensuing battle their troops killed four of the gunmen. Yesterday's slaughter brings to at least 20 the number of people killed in Algeria in the past two days. A car bomb exploded on Saturday near a security officers' residential complex in the northwestern town of Tipaza, killing two people and wounding ten. Both attacks are assumed to be the work of Islamic militants whose campaign against Algeria's military-backed regime has intensified since President Zeroual announced a presidential election for November 16.

Gore's daughter caught in raid

Washington: Sarah Gore, the 16-year-old daughter of Al Gore, the American Vice-President, was one of 12 teenagers cited by police for possession of alcohol at a party in Chevy Chase, a suburb of Washington (Ian Brodie writes). The authorities have been cracking down on drinking under the legal age of 21. She was holding an open can of beer in a car outside the party, the police said.

Shift to right in Latvia poll

Moscow: As polls closed in Latvia, pundits predicted victory going to two right-wing parties — the Farmers' Union and the Latvian National Conservative Party (Richard Beeston writes). Whoever comes out on top in the 100-seat parliament, some form of coalition government seems inevitable in this tiny Baltic state.

Macau voters snub election

Lisbon: Nearly nine in 10 voters in the tiny enclave of Macau — which reverts to Chinese rule at the end of 1999 — abstained in Portugal's general elections, the Portuguese news agency Lusa reported. The results of their emigrant vote will be known on October 11. *(Reuter)*

Scorpions menace Gaddafi's deportees

BY OUR MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

A HUMANITARIAN crisis with diplomatic implications is looming on the desert border between Libya and Egypt. About 800 Palestinians, expelled by Tripoli as a gesture against the Middle East peace process, are gathered there in conditions described by the United Nations as "desperate".

The new Palestinian camp has been forming in a scorpion-infested strip of desert no man's land between the two countries at Salloum. A Libyan diplomat in Cairo said yesterday that 5,000 more of the 24,000 Palestinians remaining in the country will be expelled this week.

The potential of the problem was demonstrated over the weekend when witnesses at the remote spot west of the desert battlefields of El Alamein reported that the Libyans had moved 170 tents, each capable of housing ten people, into the area. Most of those stranded have no money and little proper food.

Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, originally ordered the mass expulsions on September 1 as a way of demonstrating that the latest peace deal between the Palestine Liberation Organisation and Israel has not solved the Palestinian problem. Most of the deportees who arrived over the past 48 hours were women and children sent by bus the 750 miles from Tripoli.

Most have been refused entry to Egypt, which has tried in vain to persuade the unpredictable Libyan leader to reverse his expulsion policy. A spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said children in the new refugee camp had been struck down with gastric problems and, because of the scorpions, many were unable to sleep. "We are appealing to the Libyan Government to stop expelling and stop relocation of Palestinians within the country until a solution can be reached," said Panos Moumtzis, of the UNHCR.

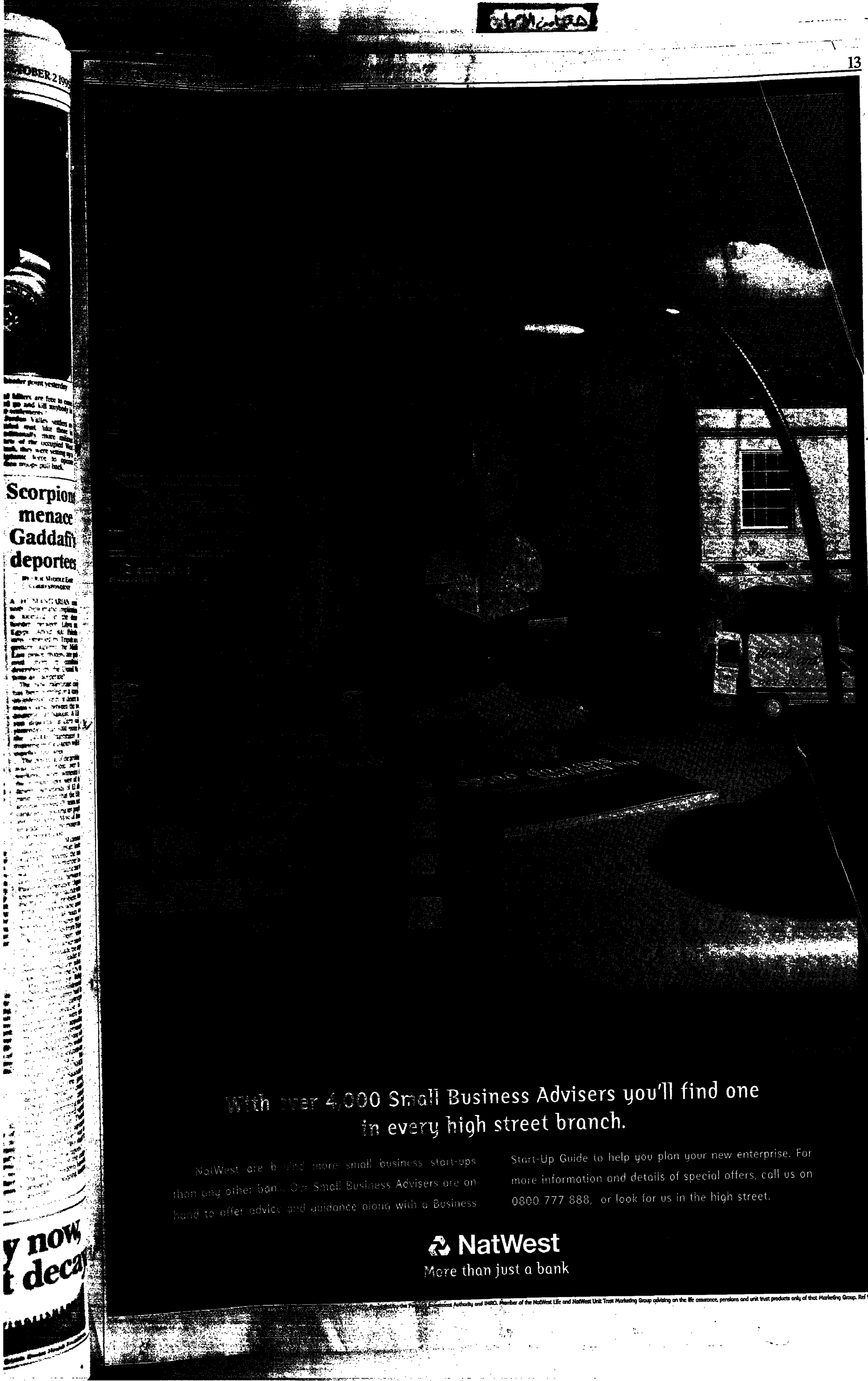
Witnesses at Salloum said yesterday that one group of deportees began to chant, for Libyan television cameras, slogans condemning the Israeli-Palestinian accord signed in Washington last Thursday. "Down with the agreement, no to capitulation" was one. Another went: "We shall free our land with weapons."

The reality of the camp is that many residents have been desperately begging food from travellers.

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European Union finance ministers move towards 'euro' as name for the new currency

Germany demands discipline on EMU

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN VALENCIA

A SINGLE European currency edged closer over the weekend after European Union ministers endorsed 1999 as its date of birth and gave a nod to German wishes to name it the "euro".

However, the reported readiness of Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, to accept a two-year delay in the EU's central project undermined new pledges that were given by his team at a weekend gathering of finance ministers in Spain over Bonn's commitment to the timetable of the Maastricht treaty.

The might of Germany loomed over the gathering at a beach hotel near Valencia at which the EU finance ministers tried to reassure Bonn and jittery markets that their countries were determined to abide by the strict entrance terms for monetary union, as set out in the Maastricht treaty. Increasingly anxious over the fate of the mark, the Germans used the session to press for ways of holding member states to tight economic discipline long after the currency is launched.

With central bank governors attending their meeting, the ministers broadly approved a three-year timetable for phasing in the new currency, starting on January 1, 1999, and culminating with the launch of new Euro-coins and notes in 2002.

The founding members will be picked in early 1998 on the basis of economic performance in 1997. For the candidate states, the main achievement of the weekend was a commitment from Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister, and Hans Tietmeyer, head of the Bundesbank, to stick to the 1999 starting date. Both had voiced doubts on that Maastricht deadline in the past two weeks, sparking anxiety about the destiny of the grand monetary design at the heart of the treaty. Relief was strongest yesterday among the states whose weak economies make them unlikely to qualify for the launch.

"Everybody is now proceeding on the basis of January 1, 1999," Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, said. The founder members, he said, would be the "strong northern industrial economies". With its optional membership, Britain would decide later whether to join, he said. "I believe Britain will be regarded as a desirable member ... we shall be converging with the strongest in Europe."

The Valencia meeting brought home the scale of the monetary union project and the degree to which Germany is calling the shots. Bonn achieved its goal of winning a commitment to the strict criteria on budget deficits, national debt and inflation, which most states will be hard put to meet by 1999.

The Germans also underlined their role as Europe's "monetary gendarme" by delivering a reminder that EMU comes with a political price. The strict entry discipline would apply indefinitely, its officials said. "This touches on political and financial sovereignty and it must be obeyed by governments and parliaments 20 years from now," Herr Tietmeyer said.

Herr Waigel noted that EMU must go hand in hand with deeper union in the areas of common foreign policy and justice, the fields that are coming up for review at next year's Maastricht revamp.

The need to sustain the convergence criteria has emerged as a big German concern, as public opinion has shown antipathy to EMU and President Chirac has come under suspicion in Bonn for a lack of enthusiasm for Europe. Jean Arthuis, the French Finance Minister, said he could vouch for M Chirac's commitment to monetary union, but he declined pointedly to say whether that was matched by a political commitment to deeper union.

German irritation over M Chirac is evident in Herr Kohl's reported thinking on an EMU delay. France's new budget has not convinced markets that it can be sure of cutting its deficit enough next year to qualify for EMU. While Germany's talk of a delay amounts to tampering with holy writ in the eyes of the monetary fundamentalists, some Germans argue that since EMU is unthinkable without France, it is better to wait.

Although ministers said there had been no decisions on the currency name, several indicated that Germany would be granted its wishes when Union leaders meet to endorse the EMU package in December. The European monetary committee set out the naming criteria in Valencia. The new currency must not have unpleasant historical associations; it must be short, easy to pronounce and identical everywhere; it must contain a reference to Europe.

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Norma Major, left, and Hannelore Kohl join their husbands yesterday for a private — and rainy — visit by the Majors to the cathedral city of Speyer

Booming Leipzig dances to the techno-beat of a new revolution

FROM ROGER BOYES IN LEIPZIG

THE deafening roar of techno-music, as subtle as an aircraft engine, shakes Leipzig's least exclusive club, Messehalle 7, as 6,000 sweating teenagers gyrate and pogo to the so-called boom rave.

Some may view this Saxon city as the place where Martin Luther preached, as an East-West crossroads, a Napoleonic battleground or as starting point for the mass anti-Communist rallies in 1989. But to the dancing youngsters — most of them barely ten years old when the two German states were welded together — Leipzig is the party capital of the East.

After midnight on Friday, life begins for Sabina Konitz, who favours clubs such as Elastic to the crowded throb of Messehalle 7, the exhibition hangar where the teenagers dance to 24-hour non-stop drone parties. "Elastic is cool," she says with authority. "They play house and acid jazz and the guys are not provincial



slobs." None of this coded youth talk means much to the city elders but they approve of the general gist: Leipzig is indeed booming, the most vibrant city of the East after Berlin. It rivals Berlin as the biggest building site in Europe. The pneumatic drills compete favourably with the throb of the discos.

After Frankfurt, its traditional rival, Leipzig has become the biggest financial centre in Germany. The new rich — Western prospectors and market evangelists, now outnumbered by homegrown yuppies, tumble out of their BMWs into nightclubs and the curtained restaurants with crested menus. Their braying at the interval in the opera pays mixed tribute to unity: who now are the imported Wessis, who are the Ossis? Only the rounded Saxon vowels betray them.

Leipzig was dubbed the "hero city" after 1989 because of the impressive "prayer for peace" rallies that gathered weekly at the St Nicholas church. Few people visit it nowadays: the teenagers in Elastic have little idea of the recent political significance of this church, rebuilt at the end of the 18th century.

The "heroes" have changed: the dishevelled dissidents have been replaced by architects and town planners waging the conventional urban battles. Should cars be banned from the centre? How should the city attract high-tech industry? Should the new railway station be grand or merely functional?

The railway station debate shows how far the East has come, and how far it has to go. Leipzig was a crucial terminus for Germany and it was proud of its vast, Jugendstil railway station, built between 1902 and 1915. There were 26 platforms and trains connecting east with west, and north with south. The division of Germany put an end to the place as a thriving transport centre. The colossal building (which once housed trains from two railway companies — the Royal Prussian and the Royal Saxon) remained, but inside it was no more than an inflated provincial station, coming to life only during the Leipzig Fair.

Now, in the new Germany, there are to be shopping arcades, supermarkets and cinemas; private security men will throw out drunks and drug addicts; there is to be parking for 2,000 cars and trees will be tastefully planted in and outside the central hall.

Leipzig has become easier to look at. Small gestures, the gilding of the gables of the old Topas department store — now occupied and renovated by Commerz Bank — make sceptical first-time visitors believe in the city advertising slogan: "Leipzig is coming!"

The old stock exchange has been given a lick of white paint, the Nicholas school now houses a fashionable café. The Maedler Passage sparkles with expensive shops. Naturally the transition is not complete. Sometimes it is a question of time, months even. When the scaffolding comes down from the new town hall or when the latest shopping project — a luxury department store that will have 39 exclusive shops — is finished, some of the noise and hard-hat bustle will disappear.

Some deficits will take years to correct: Leipzig has failed to hook investment from main manufacturing industries.

Jobs in this area have shrunk from 100,000 in 1989 to 15,000. More than 80 banks have moved to the city since unification, but the Siemens microchip factory was set up in nearby Dresden. There is a large backlog of ownership claims, which is slowing down urban renewal. "It will take ten years before all claims can be settled," says Holger Tschense, in the housing department.

"Talking about a 1989 revolution gets us nowhere. That revolution was too narrow, too political and too full of minor deceits," says a wise Leipzig historian. "The genuine revolution has been happening over the past five years — look at how people have changed their attitude to property, to environment and to their nation."

The east, in short, is modernising at a fast tempo. The superficial impression is of turmoil, but in five more years the quality of life in cities such as Leipzig may well surpass declining townships in western Germany.



One of the candlelit protests of 1989 in Leipzig that rekindled German unification

Suspect's death fails to assuage terror fear

FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

FRANCE'S leading terror bomb suspect, Khaled Kelkal, shot dead by police near Lyons on Friday, was also implicated in the July assassination of Imam Abdelbaki Sahraoui, the Islamic leader, according to Jean-Louis Debré, the Interior Minister.

The gun used to kill the imam in his Paris mosque was found at Kelkal's forest hideout. Two sawn-off shotguns and ammunition found at the camp in woods around Vaugneray, where Kelkal and three other men were surprised by police on Wednesday, link them with the death of the Islamic leader, investigators say.

However, police doubted M Debré's statement that Kelkal may have been responsible for all six recent terrorist attacks in the country. Investigators could not link him to the bomb at St Michel station in central Paris on July 25, which killed seven people and injured more than 90. They said several terror cells may still be operating. M Debré said troops would remain on guard in cities, airports and stations, and on the country's borders.

Ex-Minister sought over attempt to kill Shevardnadze

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

THE Georgian authorities yesterday accused Igor Georgadze, the former Security Minister, of masterminding the assassination attempt against Eduard Shevardnadze, the country's leader.

Shota Kviraya, the Interior Minister, said that the device used in the car bomb attack in August had been assembled in the home of Mr Georgadze's father, Pantemelon, and that the operation had been carried out in collusion with Russian "reactionary forces".

Jamlet Babilashvili, Georgia's Prosecutor General, said that an arrest warrant had been issued for the former KGB agent, who is believed to be in hiding in Moscow, but could face extradition to Tblisi, the Georgian capital.

Mr Kviraya gave the first detailed description of what investigators believe happened in the run-up to the August 29 attack. The bomb was allegedly concealed in a Russian four-wheel drive vehicle and detonated by remote control by an assistant of Mr Georgadze after security guards around the parliament building had been bribed. Mr Kviraya said that in addition to the assassination attempt, which left Mr Shevardnadze with cuts and bruises but no serious injuries, Mr Georgadze had been behind a string of other recent terrorist attacks.

Mr Kviraya did not name the three or four Russian opposition figures who apparently co-ordinated the attack. Although Mr Shevardnadze has many enemies at home among his political rivals and in Russia among those who resent his role in helping to dismantle the Soviet Union, he may turn the violence against his rule to his advantage in elections next month.

After the assassination attempt, some 300 suspects were rounded up by the authorities and many of the Georgian leader's most vocal enemies are either locked up or in hiding. By naming Mr Georgadze in the assassination attempt, the authorities are also likely to implicate his father who is running as the Communist Party candidate.

Yesterday a hostage was killed and six others injured when an armed man let off a grenade on a bus in Tblisi after he had hijacked the vehicle and forced the driver to travel 125 miles. No motive was given for the attack.

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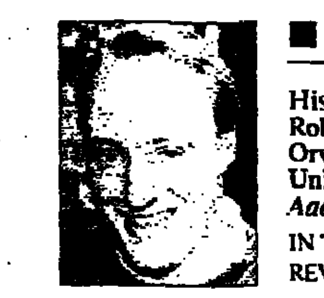
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■ MUSICAL

Reviewing the situation at the Palladium: Jim Dale is the new Fagin in *Oliver!*

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■ BOOKS

Historian Andrew Roberts presents an Orwellian satire on a United Europe in *The Aachen Memorandum*

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■ OPERA

Russian singing sensation Galina Gorchakova leads the Kirov's *Prince Igor* at the Albert Hall

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CONCERTS: Olivier Messiaen receives his final premiere; plus other reviews

Last piece in the musical puzzle

LSO/Nagano
Barbican

No Messiaen premiere has ever been an event of less than considerable importance, but Thursday's first British performance of *Concert à quatre*, given by the London Symphony Orchestra under Kent Nagano, was of double significance: as the composer's last work, it also completed the sumptuous mosaic that is our experience of his output. But the exhilaration of hearing the piece was tempered with the realisation that no new Messiaen discoveries are now in store.

Concert à quatre, one of the few Messiaen pieces with an abstract title, was begun in 1990 but was left unfinished at the composer's death two years later. It was completed by his widow. It forms an eloquent coda to his life's work, rather than a summary as provided in the lush, gigantic orchestral work *Eclairs sur l'Au-Delà*... Moreover, at about 30 minutes' duration, it lasts only half as long as *Eclairs*, and it lacks the theology that has informed most of Messiaen's music. But Messiaen's other great preoccupation, birdsong, finds detailed expression here.

Messiaen's scoring is for large orchestra and four soloists (piano, flute, oboe and cello), but he uses his forces sparingly; only at the close of the fourth, final movement do all combine exultantly. For much of the time, the solo quartet is separated from the orchestra, almost in the manner of a *concerto grosso*.



Great experimenter: Messiaen conducts a rehearsal in London in 1986. His last work was completed by his wife

A delicate transcription of Messiaen's early *Vocalise* forms the basis of a second movement of almost unbelievable beauty. The shadow of Mozart is also present, apparently inspired by Susanna's Act 2 aria in *Figaro*, though in its rich incarnation it is more reminiscent of Strauss. Indeed, the piece has a radiant serenity suggestive of late Strauss, and the only sign of old age in this music is its wisdom. With a solo team made up of the composer's widow Yvonne Loriod (piano) and LSO principals Paul Edmund-Davies (flute), Roy Carter (oboe), and Tim Hugh (cello), Nagano conducted a rapt performance of clear authority.

After the interval, the orchestra met all of Nagano's exacting demands in his gripping account of the *Symphonie fantastique*. He brought a reminder that, in his day, Berlioz's originality was no less radical than Messiaen's in ours.

JOHN ALLISON

A turbulent life story

VPO/Maazel
Festival Hall

VIRTUOSITY, swagger, the glorious occasion of the male ego, and the slings and arrows of the intolerant critic: all of this is home ground to Richard Strauss, the Vienna Philharmonic and Lorin Maazel. So, not surprisingly, Friday's was an unflaggingly assured performance of *Ein Heldenleben*. Orchestra and maestro laboured together with superbly co-ordinated will to track the course of the hero-as-composer: his battles with his critics, his relationship with his alternately seductive and shrewish wife, his times of peace, and his life of retirement and fulfilment. This performance was strong and firm of contour, loud and confident of solo.

There was feather-preening aplenty, too, in Stravinsky's 1919 *Firebird Suite*. With a homogeneity as gleaming as their patent leather shoes, bass string players and trombonists joined each other in welcoming the bird and its dance, while the violas set the wings aquiver, and a mellow-throated oboe gave it voice. Kaschei and his henchmen had a polished floor for their *Infernal Dance*: pizzicato aimed to please, bow teased rather than tormented string. Long before the bassoon started to rock the cradle, the eyelids had begun to grow heavy. There are so many more brightly variegated colours, textures and changing melodic profiles in this score than the VPO allowed us to hear. Is this orchestra really capable at this stage in its history of imagining a sound world outside its own?

The VPO can, of course, play Schubert standing on its head. I found myself wishing that they would. With accents smoothed off, syncopations blunted, and repartee reduced to echo and imitation, this performance of the Symphony No 4, the "Tragic", was a mirror image of the super-cool mien of its conductor whom, it seems, little could surprise or delight.

By halfway through the long-limbed slow movement, the heavy downbeats of its central minor key section as anodyne in character as its frame, one was forced into questioning exactly what might be the positive nature of Maazel's contribution. When ensemble is so faultless, cues and articulation so assured, the only missing ingredients — those of lively, exploratory listening, freshness of response and brightness of imagination — may well have been stimulated by the absence of any conductor at all.

HILARY FINCH

Wrong order

CBSO/Rattle
Symphony Hall, Birmingham

WHAT was good enough for Gustav Mahler is good enough for Sir Simon Rattle. In Mahler's first Beethoven cycle in New York, Rattle told us, he conducted a concert beginning with the Second Symphony and ending with the overtures *Leonore* Nos 1 and 2, *Fidelio* and *Leonore* No 3. In his first Beethoven cycle anywhere, Rattle is conducting a programme of the same five works in the same order.

The problem is that the overture to *Fidelio*, written seven years after the latest of the three *Leonores*, is in a different key and, though intended for basically the same opera, has little in common with the others. Mahler no doubt chose to perform the *Fidelio* between *Leonore* Nos 2 and 3 in order to separate two works which are so much alike that, for an audience new to these things, hearing them in close succession might be like hearing the same work twice over.

But, surely, as Rattle seemed to indicate in introducing this "experiment" in Symphony Hall, the main point of it is to observe the creative mind at work, to experience the development in structural mastery over the same material after a year's high-quality Beethoven thought.

He might have been better advised to abandon the Mahler precedent and either open the concert with the *Fidelio*, reserving the second half for the three *Leonores* in numerical order, or perform the four of them in chronological order — *Leonore* Nos 2, 3, 1 and, finally, *Fidelio*. The second would have been more academic than effective as a concert programme, but either way *Leonore No 3 would* have followed directly on *Leonore* No 2 and the point about Beethoven's thinking would have been inescapably clear.

Where it was, and brilliantly performed though it was, the *Fidelio* was out of place. Inevitably, *Leonore* No 1 was overshadowed, although it would have had a better chance if the performance had been as well finished as that of *Leonore* No 3.

Even at its best, however, the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra was not as well prepared on this occasion as in the first concert in the cycle last week. But it was the same interpretative mind at work and the same care for sound in its period context. To hear the Second Symphony performed with such clarity, such finely drawn lines in the slow movement, such grotesque humour in the scherzo, and such rhythmic life throughout was an experience as refreshing as this cycle is intended to provide.

GERALD LARNER

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

FUNNY MONEY Opening night for Ray Cooney as a man who picks up the wrong briefcase and finds himself richer by £735,000 in used £50 notes. The ensuing havoc involves Sylvia Sims, Henry McGee and Charlie Drake. **Playhouse** Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (0171-839 4401). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

RUSALKA English National Opera revives David Pountney's landmark staging for Dvořák's fairy-tale opera of a water nymph who falls in love with an ardent prince. More surreal than strictly picturesque but certainly a magical treat. Richard Hickox conducts, with Susan Chilcott and David Maxwell Anderson leading the cast. **Coliseum** St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-632 8300). Tonight, 7pm.

HOW TO LIVE An exhilarating deconstruction of the erotic content of seven dramas, performed by four members of Volcano Theatre, directed by Nigel Charnock. **Purcell Room** South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight-Sat, 8pm.

ELSEWHERE

BATH Lez McKern and Nichola McAuliffe star in Harold Brighouse's warm-hearted comedy, **Hobson's Choice**, on the road after wowing the critics in Chichester. Graham Turner gives a delightful performance as Mossop the bootmaker and Frank Hauser directs. Don't miss it. **Theatre Royal** Sawclose (01225 448844). Mon-Wed, 7.30pm; Thurs-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

GLASGOW The Japanese **Wadaiko Ichiro Drummers** return to the UK for a two-month tour, after taking last year's Edinburgh Festival by storm. An explosively choreographed combination of 1,500 years of tradition with contemporary spectacle make for an event you won't soon forget. **Royal Concert Hall** Buchanan Street (0141-227 5511). Tonight, 8pm. Then in **London**, Hackney Empire (0181-985 2424). Wed-Sat.

MANCHESTER Opening night for Jonathan Harvey's most recent offering, **Rupert Street Lonely Hearts Club**. Set in an East London bedsit, a pair of Liverpool brothers are two points in a complex polygon of emotional yearnings. John Burgess directs. **Contact** Oxford Road (0161-274 4400). Tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until Oct 14.

PLYMOUTH Bulgaria's **Sofia Philharmonic** is the first visiting orchestra on the road for a major British tour this season. Tonight's programme includes works by Sibelius, Rachmaninov and Tchaikovsky; tomorrow's, in London, features two works by Alemdar Karamanov, the prolific composer whose creativity was kept well hidden by the Soviet authorities for more than 30 years. **Pavilions**, Millbay Road (01752 229922). Tonight, 7.30pm. Tue: Westminster City Hall (0171-240 0771), 8pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican Dora Carrington; Art of African Textiles (0171-638 4141) **British Museum** Hellenistic World: Art and Culture (0171-636 1555) **Mall Galleries** Royal Society of British Artists (0171-930 6844) **National Gallery** Myths and Fables: Three Paintings by Piero di Cosimo (0171-747 2885) **National Portrait Gallery** BP Portrait Award (0171-306 0055) **Royal Academy** Manet to Gauguin (0171-439 7438) **Serpentine** Big City: Artists from Africa (0171-723 9072) **Tate** Life Patterns: recent contemporary acquisitions (0171-887 8000) **V & A** Designs for Georgian Architecture (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **BURNING BLUE** D M W Greer's strong play about homophobe witch-hunts among US Naval pilots. A gripping story powerfully told. **Haymarket**, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

□ **COMMUNICATING DOORS** Alan Ayckbourn's ingenious time-travel play. Julia McKenzie flees from a vengeful enemy via the doors of a hotel that take her forward and back a decade. **Gielgud**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5530). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

□ **DEAD FUNNY** Belinda Lang, Kevin McNally and Sam Kelly in Terry Johnson's sharply funny play about comics and some of their fans. **Savoy**, The Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 5pm.

◪ **GANGSTER NO 1** Bloodily persuasive view of London's underworld, with Peter Bowles frighteningly convincing as a hellish killer. **Almeida**, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Tonight-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Final week.

□ **HENRY V**: Matthew Warchus' acclaimed Stratford production, with Iain Glen outstanding as the warrior king. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight and Tue, 7.15pm.

◪ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST** Barbara Leigh-Hunt heads a fine cast in Terry Hands's attractive production of an immortal comedy. **Old Vic**, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

□ **JELLY ROLL!** Likeable celebration of the life and music of Jelly Roll Morton. Vernel Bagneris plays the man, Morten Gunnar Larsen plays the piano. **Theatre Royal**, Gerry Raffles Square, E15 (0181-534 0310). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

■ **A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC** Elegant and successful production by Sean Mathias of Sondheim's Swedish charmer. Judi Dench, Patricia Hodge, Sian Phillips and Lambert Wilson among the stars shining in the night. **National (Olivier)**, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm; mat Thurs, 2pm.

◪ **MACBETH** Mark Rylance's totally strange production with himself as king. Talk about weird sisters: weird everything. Jane Horrocks plays the Queen. **Greenwich**, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. Phone for availability.

■ **THE STEWARD OF CHRISTENDOM** Sebastian Barry's fine and moving memory-play. Donald McCann outstanding as the ex-chief of Dublin's police in the last years of British rule. Best play of 1995? **Royal Court**, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

□ **TAKING SIDES** Enthralling drama by Ronald Harwood, based on the investigations of conductor Furtwängler's alleged Nazi sympathies. With Daniel Massey, Michael Pennington. **Criterion**, Piccadilly Circus, WC2 (0171-369 1747). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

◪ **TAP DOGS** Marvellous percussive tap dance performed by six Aussies in boots on a building site. Final week. **Sadler's Wells**, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (0171-713 6000). Tonight-Thurs, 8pm; Fri, Sat, 7pm and 9.30pm.

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Crazy for You** Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) □ **Dead Guilty** Apollo (0171-494 5070) ◪ **Dealer's Choice** Vaudeville (0171-836 9987) □ **Five Guys Named Moe** Albery (0171-369 1730) ◪ **Indian Ink** Aldwych (0171-416 6003) ◪ **Les Misérables** Palace (0171-434 0909)... ◪ **Sunset Boulevard** Adelphi (0171-344 0055) □ **The Woman in Black** Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

COLD FEVER (15): A Japanese visitor journeys across Iceland: wonderful, droll film from director Fridrik Thór Fridriksson, packed with stunning images. **Everyman** (0171-435 1525) **MGM Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

◆ **FORGET PARIS** (12): Can Billy Crystal and Debra Winger make their love affair stick? Do we care? A bumpy romantic comedy. **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

FUNNY BONES (15): Comedy and tears with a showbusiness family. Over-ambitious film from *Hear My Song* director Peter Chelsom, with an eye-grabbing turn from Lee Evans. With Oliver Platt, Jerry Lewis and Leslie Caron. **Barbican** (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture** (0171-498 3323) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

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◆ **APOLLO 13** (PG): The near-fatal moon mission of 1970. Splendid images, but conventional drama, with Tom Hanks, Kevin Bacon and Ed Harris. **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Empire** (0990 888990) **MGMs: Baker St** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Rd** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914 098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

BELLE DE JOUR (18): Buñuel's cool and compelling 1967 classic about the adventurous libido of a bourgeois wife (Catherine Deneuve), a great success on its recent revival in the States. **Metro** (0171-437 0757)

BLUE JUICE (15): Breezy British romp with eccentric touches set among the Cornish surfing community. With Sean Pertwee, Catherine Zeta Jones. Director, Carl Prechezer. **MGMs: Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY** (12): Best-selling romantic tosh given the kid-glove treatment by director Clint Eastwood, who co-stars with Meryl Streep. **Clapham Picture** (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Notting Hill Coronet** (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

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◆ **THE QUICK AND THE DEAD** (15): Gunslinger Sharon Stone versus bad man Gene Hackman. Dull and preposterous, directed by Sam Raimi. **Odeon West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

◆ **THE USUAL SUSPECTS** (18): Complex, riveting thriller about the wages of crime from a powerful new director (Bryan Singer). A strong cast includes Kevin Pacey, Stephen Baldwin and Gabriel Byrne. **Electric** (0171-792 2020) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

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Danger from deep space



SCIENCE BRIEFING

Nigel Hawkes

THE collisions between comet Shoemaker-Levy and the planet Jupiter in July last year have forced astronomers to think again about the dangers of a similar impact with the Earth.

Some, probably the majority, tend to dismiss the issue as one unworthy of serious study, but there is a small group who take it very seriously indeed. They met recently to review the studies of the Jupiter impact, which are not good news.

Dr Duncan Steel, a British-born Australian astronomer and author of the book *Rogue Asteroids and Doomsday Comets* (Wiley), was one of those present. Before the Jupiter impacts, he says, the calculations were that a global catastrophe could be caused by the impact of a comet or asteroid between one and two kilometres in diameter.

The damage to Jupiter, however, has changed the picture. "The extent of devastation on Jupiter was quite unexpected," he says, "and the fragments of the comet that hit were only 500-700 metres in diameter."

The effects included huge fireballs, and a huge amount of dust, some of which can still be seen in Jupiter's atmosphere. Extrapolating this to an impact with the Earth means, he says, that objects down to half a kilometre in diameter could do catastrophic damage. There are ten times as many such objects as there are of the larger ones, and they are four times as hard to see.

That means that the Earth is under far greater threat than previously assumed. "The impacts on Jupiter showed that we're not joking," he says. "But it also means that we have got to raise our game if we are going to detect potential impacts with the Earth in time to do anything about it."

How serious is the risk? The Moon's surface, pitted with thousands of craters, shows that impacts do happen. The Earth is a bigger target, but the atmosphere breaks up the smaller objects before they land, and craters are soon obliterated by geological action. That is why we see so few of them.

In his book Dr Steel estimates that a one-kilometre asteroid or comet would be expected to hit the Earth once every 100,000 years. But this was before the Jupiter results suggested we need to worry about much smaller objects. Once every 10,000 years sounds more alarming; and 50-metre rocks big enough to wipe out a city or even a small country can be expected once a century.

If so, why haven't a few cities already been wiped out? Dr Steel points to the last significant impact, the Tunguska event of 1908, which destroyed hundreds of square miles of Siberian forest. If that had been a city we should certainly have known about it.

Like others of a catastrophist persuasion, Dr Steel wants to establish a worldwide observation system, using four telescopes equipped with the latest technology to give advance warning. With enough time, we could then launch rockets to intercept the incoming objects, and explode modest-sized nuclear weapons to shift them every so slightly so that they missed.

So far, those who allocate research spending haven't been convinced.

Fossil clue



A MYSTERY surrounding the first fossil of human ancestors found in Africa, the Taung Baby, appears to have been solved.

Discovered by Raymond Dart in a quarry near Taung in 1924, the 2.5 million year-old skull of a young child was the first example of *Australopithecus africanus* ever identified. It was found among a large number of animal bones, in what Dr Dart believed had been a cave occupied by early man.

The puzzle was that the baby was apparently alone: there were no other hominid fossils close by. Now two South African palaeoanthropologists, Lee Berger and Rob Clarke, think they know why. They believe that the unfortunate baby was snatched by an eagle, and the place where it was found was once a pile of debris under a bird's nest.

The inspiration came when Dr Berger saw a black eagle killing and carrying off a vervet monkey. Damage to piles of bones under eagles' nests was compared with that in the Taung bones; both had similar puncture marks, probably caused by talons. The two scientists have now published the hypothesis in the *Journal of Human Evolution*.

Dr Peter Andrews of the Natural History Museum in London, who has worked on fossil accumulations by birds, finds the evidence persuasive. "It fits very well with my own observations," he says.

Picture clears



X-RAYS, ultrasound and magnetic resonance images have given doctors a much clearer picture of what is going on inside the body, but some tumours can still be missed. A new technique — the "elastogram" — could provide the answer.

"Often after we have done fancy imaging tests, surgeons operate and say, 'I can feel this tumour, why can't you see it?'," says Dr David Lomas, a consultant in radiology at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge. With colleagues from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, he has developed a way of "feeling" the internal organs, described in this week's issue of *Science*.

Pulse waves in the frequency range between 50 and 1,000 cycles per second are generated and passed into the body. The effect on the organs is then observed using magnetic resonance imaging, which can measure the small displacements of the tissue as the wave passes through, and give an indication of its stiffness.

The technique has been used by doctors for centuries for palpating organs close to the skin, and is a useful diagnostic tool. The new method is designed to detect the same changes in remoter tissues.

"Tumours are often stiffer than normal tissue," Dr Lomas says. "The method may be especially useful for detecting breast tumours in younger women. Mammography doesn't work so well with them, because the X-rays cannot penetrate the glandular tissue in these women. We hope this may be better."

A tangle that holds life's secrets

Nigel Hawkes on the struggle to predict the structures of proteins

Proteins are biology's unfinished revolution. We know an enormous amount about them, but not quite enough. If we understood them fully, we would be in a much better position to design new drugs for treating conditions ranging from Aids to cancer.

A protein is made from a string of amino acids, arranged like beads along a string. There are 20 different amino acids, which can be arranged in countless different ways to produce a huge variety of proteins. A single misplaced amino acid can have profound effects: for example, in the blood disease sickle cell anaemia, one wrongly-placed amino acid causes the haemoglobin to form clumps. The red blood cells curve into the shape of sickles, blocking the fine blood vessels.

Today it is relatively easy to discover the sequence of amino acids in a protein, and sequences are being churned out in huge numbers. But this is only half the battle. Proteins do not exist as long chains, but curl up on themselves in complex ways to form tightly-folded three-dimensional structures, rather like a neglected telephone cord which forms coils within coils.

Traditionally, this three-dimensional structure has been worked out by X-ray crystallography, a discipline in which Britain led the field. Max Perutz and John Kendrew, at Cambridge, shared the Nobel Prize in 1962 for working out the structures of haemoglobin and myoglobin, a muscle protein. Today a few hundred proteins have had their structures elucidated in this time-consuming and difficult way, but that leaves plenty more: each of the 100,000 genes is responsible for producing its own distinctive protein.

The ease of sequencing and the difficulty of X-ray crystallography has created a gap. More than 75,000 protein sequences are known, but complete structures exist for only a small fraction of them. Finding a way of moving directly from sequence to structure has become an obsession for many laboratories all round the world. "If you could predict three-dimensional structure from sequence information, it would revolutionise biotechnology," says Dr Chris Rawlings, of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) in London.

In principle, the problem is soluble. Proteins do not fold in arbitrary ways, but into precise and unchanging shapes. This must be the result of the particular sequence of amino acids dictating through their position and charge exactly how the molecule will curl up. And the shapes matter: enzymes, for example, which are nature's catalysts, typically have a narrow cleft in the structure, called the active site, where the biochemical reactions occur.

If a chemical can be identified that fits neatly into the active site and blocks it, then the enzyme's function can be interrupted. A new drug developed by Glaxo to treat 'flu works in just this way.

If the rules that determine protein folding were fully understood, the structures could be derived directly from the sequences. So far this is just a dream, but powerful computer programmes are beginning to chip away at the problem. A variety of programs exist — there is even one available on e-mail — that produce 3-D structures when fed with sequence data.

The way in which this is done depends in most cases on locating in the submitted sequence a stretch that is similar to one whose structure is already known. Logically, similar sequences will fold in similar ways. The difficulty is that the sequences have to be quite closely matched for the method to work.

The e-mail system, known as Swiss-Model, promises a structure within an hour. The user calls up the right page on the world wide web, sends in the sequence data, and the computer first searches in various databanks for proteins with similar sequences whose structure is known. If it cannot find one with at least 35 per cent of the sequence in common, it cannot produce a structure and says so.

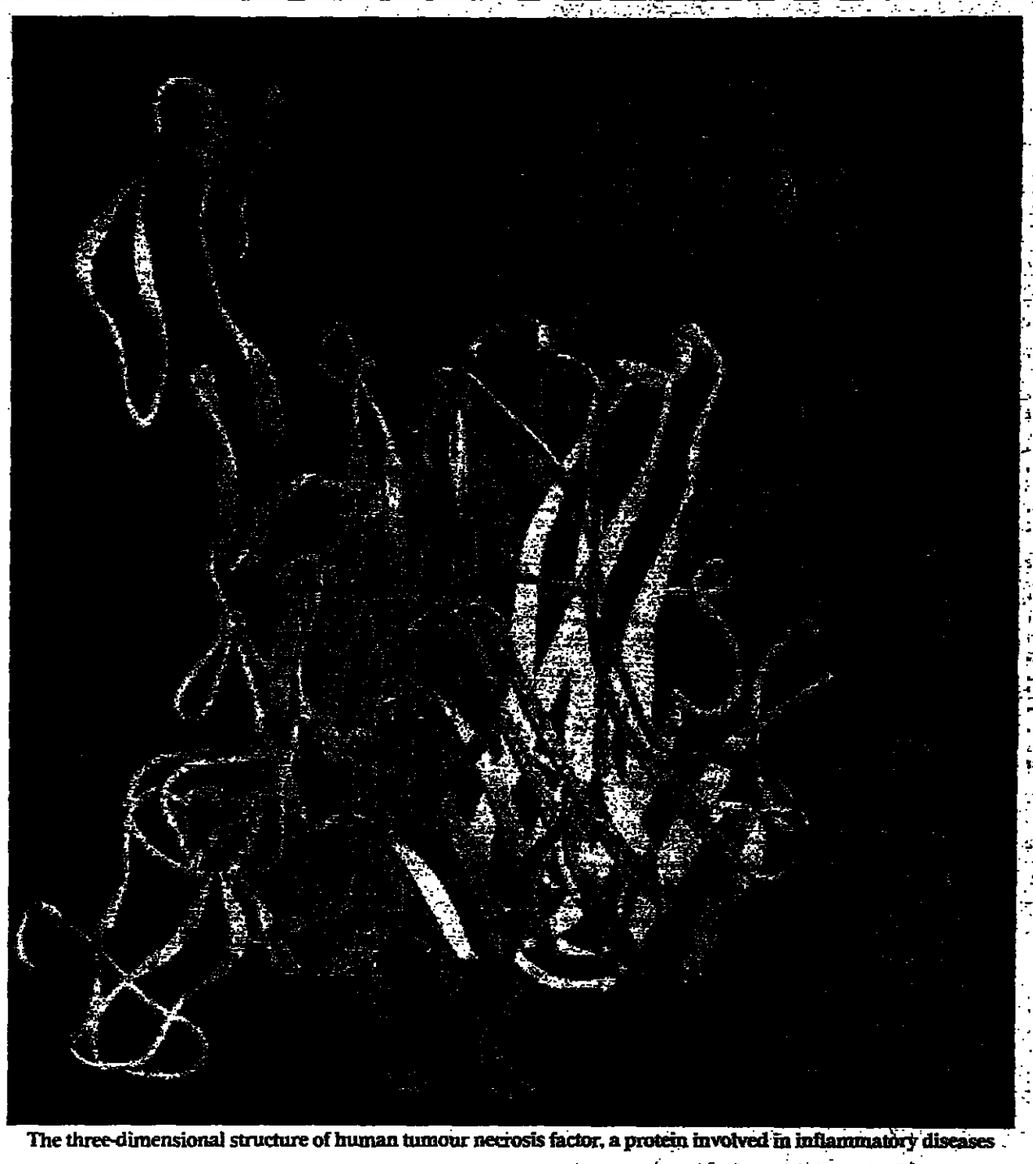
If it can find such a match, it attempts to produce a structure, based on various rules. But it can come up with an answer in only about 25 per cent of the cases, and only about a tenth of the structures it produces can be relied upon.

A more sophisticated system was developed by Dr Rawlings and Dr Dominic Clark at the ICRF laboratory, using a new computer language called ElipSys, developed in part by ICL, which compares likely folds of proteins with a database of known structures, identifying similarities which may not be apparent from sequence data alone.

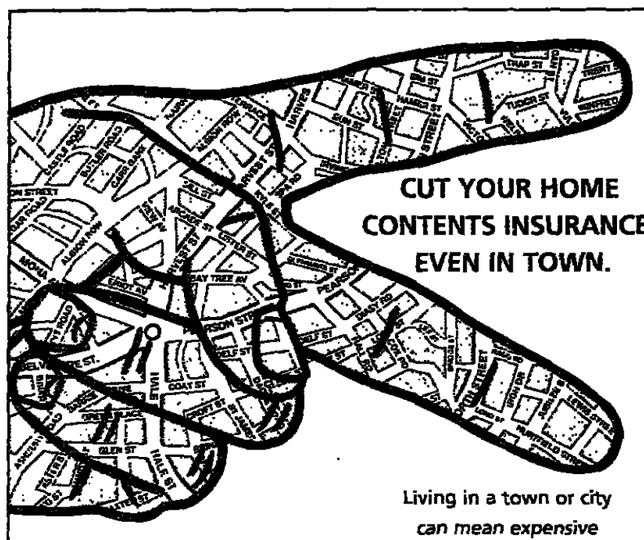
Results were encouraging: a 60-fold increase in speed over existing methods, suggesting ElipSys could have real advantages.

Many rival systems exist, with no clear benchmarks for determining which does the job best. "Everybody is keen on their own technique, and sceptical of everybody else's," says Dr Rawlings.

While the biologists and computer scientists struggle to solve the problem, the number of sequences builds up and the gap widens daily. "We have got sequences up to our necks," Dr Temple Smith, a Boston University biologist, complains. "We need a way to avoid being overwhelmed."



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War games in the City

Computers are helping to foil terrorists, says **Nick Nuttall**

War games developed in the Cold War to thwart enemy troops and tanks crossing into Western Europe have a new purpose. City firms are using these battlefield computer simulations to identify security weaknesses.

The simulations, created by British engineers and security experts, highlight the effects of a terrorist attack on a site and possible routes into buildings and installations. They will then indicate ways in which countermeasures might reduce damage and increase the chances of detecting and catching a criminal.

Measures might be as simple as adding an extra reception camera and a couple of turnstiles, or planting a hedge or building a wall to reduce the impacts of a bomb blast.

The technique, which was developed after the IRA's Bishopsgate bomb attack, is also being modified so that firms can upgrade the system with information on new terrorist strategies. This allows them to see in minutes how they might outwit a changed bombing strategy, or predict where a terrorist may strike.

The method has developed from a secret Ministry of Defence project to assess threats to personnel at bases in the United Kingdom.

Paul MacGregor, business development manager at Cambridge Consultants, the firm behind the scheme, said yesterday: "For some years the ministry has used attack modelling, which itself grew out of battlefield computer simulations.

"However, there has been a shift in emphasis from protecting assets such as explosives and planes to protecting people."

Mr MacGregor, whose firm has been working with the US Defence Department, said City firms were also using the system to assess if they were under or over-protected.

Companies with too little protection could add extra security to reduce insurance premiums, which are estimated to rise by as much as 300 per cent because of terrorism. A firm with too much security may also save money by cutting back on unnecessary numbers of cameras, dog patrols or security men.

The new simulator, called the Protection Requirements Model, turns a building or site into a grid in which the location of key assets, such as staff or a dealing-room computer, is placed along with existing security measures.

A simulated terrorist then attacks the site and the system calculates the probability of him reaching the key assets.

Company staff can then add in new measures to see how these may reduce the likely consequences of an attack.

The aim, said Mr MacGregor, is to reduce the probability of a successful attack to the equivalent of "someone being struck by lightning in the UK".

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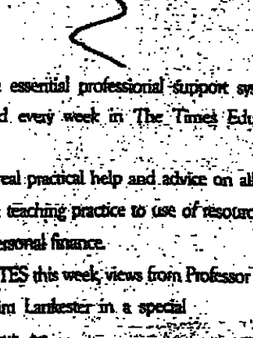
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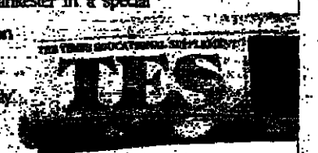


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The seer who had to take a second look

Matthew d'Ancona on why Francis Fukuyama has decided that history has not come to an end, after all

How do you write a sequel to a book declaring the end of history? It is more than five years since Francis Fukuyama first argued that the great ideological debates of the past were over and that liberal democracy and capitalism had won. For a while, his name was synonymous with the brief flush of global optimism that followed the end of the Cold War. He was feted as the first seer and intellectual founding father of the New World Order.

Things look a little different now. The break-up of Yugoslavia, the horror of Rwanda and the West's spiralling social malaise have cast a baleful shadow over his optimistic theory that political and economic institutions around the world are converging inexorably. The day I visited him in Washington, the weekly magazine *The Nation* was mischievously declaring "The End of Fukuyama" on its cover. Needless to say, this is not a verdict he accepts — although he admits that the rise of ethnic nationalism around the world and the decline of race relations in America have "given him pause".



Francis Fukuyama: now for the culture wars

Cleverly, the Rand analyst and former State Department adviser has moved on from the Hegelian thesis that made him world-famous to fresh intellectual territory. In his new book, *Trust*, which will be the subject of a *Times*/Dillons debate later this month, he looks at the cultural setting of economic life and argues that "economics ... is grounded in social life and cannot be understood separately from the larger question of how modern societies organise themselves". What *works* in one country may not work in another. America may not work in a field in which individuals [illegible] their selfish desires; it is a rich tapestry of status, ethical habits and moral obligations. A society with a strong tradition of trust and sociability will have less crime, civil litigation and social breakdown. Less will be spent on law and order and the taxing of contracts in court.

Fukuyama has been described as the archetypal post-modern political theorist. But *Trust* is to a great extent a defence of *pre*-modern aspects of our civilisation. "A modern democracy is not self-sufficient," he says. "It requires the survival of certain pre-modern institutions to be viable. Those include things like religion and family and certain historical institutions, ethnic consciousness and so on. They are the glue that holds together a modern society."

Nothing new in this contention, of course. These days, every political sage worth his salt is writing about civic society and the intermediate institutions between citizen and State. What sets Fukuyama apart are his counter-intuitive and sometimes iconoclastic conclusions. Our approach to the State, he argues, is too ideological and takes insufficient account of cultural difference. Korean interventionism worked to that country's advantage, in a way that state interference did not in many Western countries.

"Orthodox neo-classical economists say the market is everything and that the State always produces inefficiencies," he says. "What is missing from this debate is an awareness of culture. The issue is: in what cultures is the State necessary and effective?"

He argues, likewise, that the global debate over the role of the family has been far too simplistic. "In terms of the American debate, I'm a big family values man," he says. "The United States has a really serious problem with single-parent families and a lot of social pathologies are related to the breakdown of the nuclear family. But there are other societies in the world, like China, where it remains the case that the family is too strong in many respects."

> 'Chinese society is a loose tray of sand, Japan's is granite'

Chinese society, he says, is "a loose tray of sand" — in contrast to Japan's piece of granite. Paradoxically, the strength of Chinese family ties is a national weakness which has slowed the transition to a modern management culture and the development of professional loyalties. We should fear the dragon less than we think.

Herein lies the coded political message of *Trust*. Though it is primarily a work of economics, it is also a challenge to Western pessimism about the threat of the East. Fukuyama disputes the existence of homogeneous "Asian values": *Trust* is in part an exploration of the profound differences which separate the great Pacific societies.

He also attacks the argument that the authoritarian capitalism of Singapore is the true face of the future — an argument that is gaining ground in Western political salons. "There's a lot of laziness in the West so that people just accept Lee Kuan Yew's claim that Confucianism is hostile to democracy. In my view it's neutral to political systems," he says.

"Everybody knew that it was possible to have capitalism and authoritarianism mixed together. There have been lots of cases of that: Taiwan, South Korea, Brazil. That was never an issue. The real question is where all these authoritarian countries are going to be in another 25 years if they keep developing." Never a man to shy away from prophecy, Fukuyama predicts that Singapore will look more like democratising Taiwan in a quarter of a century than vice versa.

He foresees an almighty series of cultural wars in which the world's societies will seek to resolve these questions of social organisation: America's internal battle over political correctness is just one example. "Worst of all are going to be the former communist countries because there you have a total cutting out of civil society. Out of that ground it will be very hard for social solidarities to gel."

In his own future lies a book on the information revolution. I asked if he ever thought of tackling a smaller subject and the idea clearly struck him as extraordinary. Here is a man who relishes big brush-strokes and intends to keep making them. History may be over, but for a guru in a hurry it is business as usual.

● *Trust: The Social Virtues and the Creation of Prosperity is published by Hamish Hamilton (£25) on October 16.*

Julia Llewellyn Smith felt the heat of the latest Conran eaterie

ANDRE CAMARA



If you don't like the heat, stay out of this kitchen: Mezzonine's daily double shift of 50 chefs each aims to have food on the table in five minutes

Scallops for 1,600 please, and fast

A cleaver hacks through hunks of fatty duck; noodles sizzle on the stove. The crust is trimmed from a lump of steaming rice and the sweet scent of basil fills the air. Friday lunchtime at Mezzo, the biggest restaurant in Europe, and John Torode, the chef, is getting sweaty. "One noodle, one duck, one tuna!" he bellows. "Yes chef," chorus 20 voices. "Fish cakes, how long?" he barks. "Now," says a French accent. "Now? You bloody lying French bastard! Trays? I need some trays, sweetie. I want to serve some food."

Across the glass-covered bridge, in Mezzonine, the upstairs fast-food section; le tout Soho is tucking into Thai fish cakes, cucumber and sweet chilli, and seared salmon and green mango salad. They have taken a ticket at reception and waited at the bar until their number appears on a television screen. Waiters punch orders into hand-held terminals with a radio frequency, and the orders are transmitted to a base set and broadcast to the kitchen, where they come spewing out of a printer. The aim is to have food on the table in five minutes.

Down the sweeping staircase in Mezzo, 350 people are congratulating each other on being among the first to eat at "the new Conran". Everyone is good-looking, everyone is wearing little black suits, making it impossible to distinguish customers from staff. "It looks," says one diner, "like a trendy airport lounge." In the kitchen, chicken is turning on a spit; cod is changing colour on the grill. "I didn't realise what so many covers would be like," says Chris Galvin, the head chef. "Once you get going, there is no time to think."

Mezzo has been open for a week and, even though there have been no teething disasters on the Quaglino's scale (the fat fryer burst into flames and nearly destroyed the restaurant), Sir Terence has given warning that things will take "a few months" to settle down. "We are only human," says Galvin with a rueful smile.

Already the telephone system has collapsed, making it almost impossible to get through. Three telephonists sit in a windowless box fielding constant calls, tapping bookings into a computer. "Good afternoon, Mezzo, sorry to keep you waiting," they chirrup. "I'm sorry madam, we can't book a table for more than ten people." On the wall, a sign reads: "Mezzonine is our non-reservation restaurant serving food that is fast with Asian influences. Mezzo serves contemporary, robust, international food."



Chef John Torode: "Quick, mop, NOW!"

In Mezzo café next door, more waifs in black sip cappuccino and nibble on baguettes from the in-house bakery. In the washing-up area, dirty plates are fed by conveyor into stainless steel dishwashers. Crates of deep purple aubergines are being unloaded from the deliveries lift. In the preparation kitchens, chefs are peeling mountains of garlic while a vat of veal stock bubbles gently. The kitchen gets through 80 veal bones a day, a figure not broadcast to the politically-correct clientèle. "That's the basis for all our meat sauces," a chef explains.

More than 50 chefs have been working since 7.30am; their shift will finish at 3pm, when another 50 take over. "This is the first day I have had more than four hours sleep in two weeks," says the pale Torode. "We push them to the hilt, we really do." More than 1,000 chefs were interviewed for 107 jobs. "It was a struggle to find good people," says Colin Clague, the sous-chef in Mezzo. "So few youngsters are trained these days. They buy everything in portioned-up packages and we have to teach them about butchery and fishmongery."

By 8pm, the bar upstairs is packed; downstairs the customers have changed significantly from the lunchtime business crowd. Now the mood is more wannabe Goldie Hawn, with a smattering of what looks like retired BBC sports presenters. A cigarette girl with velvet-clad pointy breasts circles the tables, selling her wares at a fiver a packet. A receptionist deftly steers an inebriated businessman back to his red chair, where he slumps, head in hands, while his companion chats up the girls next door.

We order our starters from the à-la-carte menu: quail in soy sauce and crab salad with salty duck egg are delivered virtually immediately. The quail is crisp and tangy, the salad is bland. Of the main courses, the scallops with rouille are not tender enough, the grilled breaded pig's trotter is overwhelmingly flabby. The mixed-berry sorbet is delicious, the English cheddar too dry. Our waiter is charming and efficient, the New Zealand sauvignon is superb. The bill, including 12.5 per cent for service, is £79.59. "This is like Ikea," says my companion. "Everything is good quality and good value, but when you see that everyone else thinks the same, you want to go elsewhere."

In the kitchens, Torode is still perspiring. "All your plates have been polished, have they?" he roars. There is no reply. "That means no." The floor is dirty. "Bring a mop with you. Quick, mop, now! You bastards are falling asleep! Hello! Wake up ****ing now! Bring a mop!" A dozy porter obeys. In one week they have used 7,200 eggs, 1,800 tomatoes, 3,000 oysters and 1,500lb of butter. By last orders at 3am, they will have served 776 people downstairs and 832 upstairs. In a few hours they will start again.

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Trust: the secret of economic success?



■ THE most important issue facing industrial democracies is economic competitiveness. What makes some countries more successful than others? Are some nations blessed with the Midas touch?

Francis Fukuyama's latest book, *Trust: The Social Virtues and the Creation of Prosperity*, targets the world of business and global trade. He will argue at this *Times*/Dillons debate that trust between business people is the secret of economic success. A country's social and cultural characteristics determine its prosperity. Philosophers John Gray and Roger Scruton will debate this bold thesis with Fukuyama.

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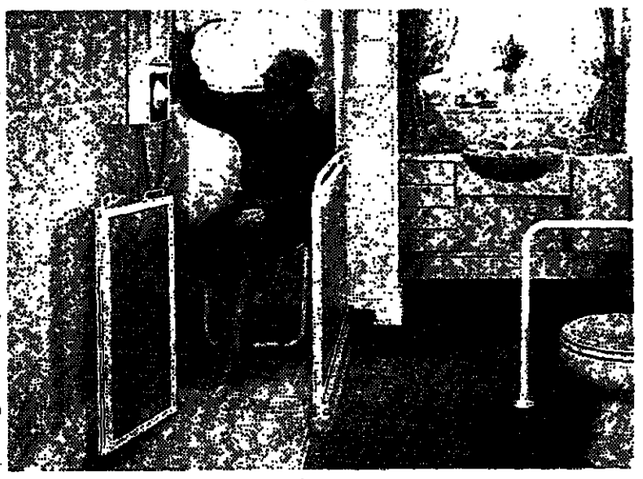
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■ If I have to look at one more of these damned hydrangeas, I swear I'll jump

From May to September, the nine islands of the Azores are a riot of hydrangea blossoms. Discerning tourists are advised to visit between October and April.

My secretary and I have just returned, in my case seared from exposure to these blooming flowers, of which Mrs Wright gave me no advance notice. She protests that the Azores are famous for hydrangeas. Well, they should be: people should be warned.

She says I should have read the guidebooks. But no tourist office prose can do justice to the horror of millions of hydrangea bushes in full flower.

She says it would have been worse in July. One shudders. But even now, in autumn, everything flowers on in the Azores. Slap in the middle of the Gulf Stream, this lonely Portuguese archipelago suffers from an ecological identity crisis: bamboo and roses, palms and horse-chestnuts jostle for space; bunny rabbits burrow under giant cactuses. Sun, steam, rain, cloud and wind chase each other past the door. Little whitewashed houses form the foreground while in the background towers the giant volcano Pico: its cone, still breathing, peering out over the weather systems of the Atlantic. Europe is a thousand miles east. America two thousand miles west. Nothing comes between. Banana trees shelter cabbages: pineapples and carrots share the same plot. It is a jumble of impressions and colours that never quite add up. One moment you are in Ilfracombe, the next in Iceland. Mix Barbados and Mull and you get something strangely unmemorable.

None of the mid-Atlantic islands — Ascension, Madeira, even the Canaries — quite works. They tend to have been discovered in fourteen-something as *tabula rasa*, and they're still *rasa*. I think it is better if a place has had natives, even if they have been killed. Blood in the soil gives the stones something to remember. The earth-memory here is blank, blank, and it sprouts hydrangeas: great blank mindless mauve hydrangeas. "Aren't they lovely!" everyone says, as the idiot-blossoms bob in the breeze like so many rubber shower-caps.

Says Mrs Wright: hydrangeas are very nice and she doesn't know what's wrong with me. Well I'm no floral snob. Rhododendrons are no less beautiful for being common but I should execrate the last hydrangeas on earth. Do hydrangeas have grace? No. Style? No. Form? No. Delicacy, poise, gaiety, mystery, perfume or wit? No, no, no. They are the brussels sprouts of the floral world.

On this island, Faial, they make hedgerows of them. The plant spreads like an infection. Cows won't eat it. There are sickly yellows, as well as mauves and blues. They decorate their knick-knack shops with dried hydrangeas. They paint them in plonking designs on their pots. Climbing a crater with Mrs Wright, I met a forester spraying hydrangeas and asked him why. He said he was killing them. I could have fallen on his neck, sobbing with relief.

It's pretty, Faial. Mrs Wright has been excellent company, scaling volcanoes without complaint — intrepid at 65 — her good humour faltering only at the discovery that she had forgotten to put a film in the camera, the worst lapse since she opened her camera by mistake and lost all of Princess Margaret's wedding photographs. Otherwise we've had a good time.

For a week. But tell me I had to spend my life here and I'd be swimming for America. This place is the local government enthusiast's dream: no crime, civil people, lovely bus shelters, all the doors painted green, no drugs, no noisy parties, every wall repaired, every ivy trained, every picnic site "lovingly tended" (as the blurb says). The art is without originality, the craft is dull, the music is derivative and there are no graffiti. A terrible, unvoiced, unenforced conformism hangs over the whole island.

> Rather late in the day, I have decided that islands are pretty similar and depressing

I'd been planning a book on islands. I've visited the Hebrides, the Falklands, Ascension and Tierra del Fuego, notebook ready; dispatched my father with camcorder to the Galapagos. Now, late in the day, I succumb to a gloomy conviction. I don't like islands.

The concept of an island is wild, romantic, boundless. The reality is . . . insular. There's a smugness, a sameness of cultures: a lack of daring; a strange repetitiveness in landscapes. After a while on an island you know all that there is. You have been right round and back. There is no dark hinterland, no unvisited interior, no mysterious mountains on the horizon, no walls repelling barbarians. Like the animals in *Wind in the Willows*, we need a Wild Wood on the edge of our perceptions. Islanders lack it. The only place on the neighbouring island of Pico that felt real was the top of the peak: on the crater's edge. There you can breathe the steam and feel the heat from the centre of the Earth. Then you look back down the 7,000ft you have climbed — and see the regiments of hydrangeas, nibbling their way up from the coast, clawing their way towards you, mauve balloons waving in the breeze. Advance of gentility. Triumph of the parish councillors. No escape but into the crater.

The single currency has far more hurdles to clear than Chancellor Kohl is admitting

The 36 questions Europe can't answer

I seem inadvertently to have found a new device in journalism. A fortnight ago I put a wrong interpretation on a table of OECD figures. Since then there has been a long and charming letter to *The Times* from the Chancellor of Oxford University, a long and charming article by Stephen Glover in the *Evening Standard*, expressing relief that I was not infallible, and a long attack by Wynne Godley in *The Observer*, elegantly discussed by Frank Johnson in *The Sunday Telegraph*. My views would hardly receive so much attention from such imminent people if I had not made the original mistake. I am now preparing a series of articles under such headings as "Rumpelstiltskin II, the red bearded dwarf of the Vatican", "How I won the White House, by Bob Dole", and other, equally plausible subjects.

I should like to reassure Stephen Glover's readers, and indeed my own, I do not see myself as being in the infallibility business, but in the business of exploration. I made blunders and false assumptions before, even when I was on the *Financial Times* in the 1950s, and I'm afraid I shall do so again. The issue I was discussing — the economic consequences of Margaret Thatcher — will not be determined by the mistaken evidence I used in this argument. The question remains for the present unresolved, but I may well return to it at some later time.

The big news today is that the European monetary union is now losing both the momentum and the debate. Chancellor Kohl has admitted that there may be no single currency this century; if not in this century, it will hardly happen in his political lifetime. The single currency is also losing the argument. I have noted 36 questions — there could be more — to which the critics have had no good answers.

1. If exchange rates cannot change, how are Europe's national economies to adjust, either to external shocks or to each other?
2. What levels of unemployment, European or national, would be acceptable in the single currency region?
3. How can 15 separate national budgets match a single European monetary policy?
4. Will there be a contra-cyclical monetary policy, or will contra-cyclical budget policies be accommodated?
5. Is the single European currency likely to be fairly valued in terms of other currencies, including the dollar and the yen?
6. Will the European currency be used a reserve currency by other countries?
7. Will the single currency be as strong, or well managed, as the mark is at present?
8. Will the directorate of the European central bank be divided equally between the member countries, or will it be dominated, in practice, by Germany and France?
9. Will countries joining the single currency be required in practice to take responsibility for each other's national debts?
10. How will the existing exchange reserves of member countries be treated? Are we going to keep our debts, but lose our reserves?
11. Will it be possible to withdraw from the single currency?
12. Will there not be a mismatch between the democratic basis of national parliaments and budgets and the nominated bureaucratic basis of the European central bank?
13. How much will the changeover cost the European nations?
14. How much will the changeover cost the world banking system?
15. As Italy and Belgium cannot possibly meet the Maastricht debt criteria, does that not mean that at least two of the original signatories of the Treaty of Rome will be excluded?

William Rees-Mogg

16. Will the German *Länder*, such as Bavaria, be excluded from control of the European central bank, losing the powers they enjoy under the constitution of the Bundesbank?
17. Will a single currency not convert the national debt of each of the member nations into an external debt, denominated in a currency over which the individual nations have no control?
18. Might that not make Italy insolvent, supposing Italy were ever allowed to join?
19. Is not confidence in the single currency already lower than confidence in the mark, as evidenced by German bond markets?
20. Will that not mean that single currency interest rates will be higher than German rates would be on their own?
21. The United States in 1991 and Japan in 1995 have saved their banking systems by reliquifying them — would that not be outside the powers of the European central bank?
22. Might not the British clearing banks find themselves without a reliable lender of last resort if Britain were to join?
23. Are German taxpayers willing to take on the potential liabilities of supporting the deficits of a Europe of 350 million people?
24. Are French electors willing to accept the levels of unemployment which a single currency might cause in France?
25. Would there not have to be a harmonisation throughout the European Union of public expenditure and taxation as a proportion of GDP?
26. Will the proposed single currency, confined to a small group, contribute to European competitiveness with America or Asia?
27. Will money not flow towards those single currency countries with the highest interest rates — that is, to countries with the weakest finances?
28. Is not the single currency structure designed to deal with inflation, but not with a deflationary problem such as the United States experienced in the early 1930s, or Japan is experiencing now?
29. Is it not possible for the money supply in separate national banking systems to change at different rates under a single currency system?
30. Might that not lead both to local and systemic instability?
31. Can a single monetary system support different labour costs without extensive migration of workers?
32. Will not national governments blame the non-elected central bank, which will be outside their control, for economic difficulties which might threaten their re-election?
33. Will not the European central bank end up being blamed for everything?
34. Is it not the case that only five or six of the 16 European Union nations both can meet the criteria and want to join?
35. Will that not cause both an economic and political division of Europe of a very dangerous kind?
36. Is 1999 not already an impossible date for monetary union?

Obviously there ought by now to be more or less satisfactory answers to all of these questions, but there are not. Last week in Dusseldorf I was discussing the single currency with a very intelligent group of young German business people. Like many Germans they have a real European idealism. They felt that Chancellor Kohl is asking Germany to make big national sacrifices — the Bundesbank, the mark — for the sake of Europe. They are beginning to be bewildered that Europe is responding with division, anger and suspicion. They wonder why Germany should make sacrifices for Europe, which Europe does not want.

The single currency project is now very near to a breakdown of confidence. It is opposed in Britain, it is resented in Italy, it is feared in France and it is now losing support even in Germany.

What's good for Labour

Peter Riddell says Tony Blair must teach his supporters some realism



Tony Blair needs the Labour Party, and it needs him. But it is an uneasy relationship, born of mutual interest rather than affection. This week in Brighton we will see the relationship tested. Party managers were yesterday busily trying to neutralise potentially awkward issues: on the exclusion of Liz Davies as a candidate, on the national minimum wage (helped by muddled drafting) and on grant-maintained schools. Something will go wrong: it always does. But after some unfavourable headlines, it usually makes no lasting difference. What really matters is the extent to which Mr Blair can show that his party is with him, rather than merely behind him, in his "new Labour" crusade.

His base of support is outside the party's traditional structures and interests. As Mr Blair often points out, he was not born into Labour, but consciously chose it. He is not one of them, and has often deplored "tribalism" in politics.

Watching the reaction of delegates to his two big speeches — at the Blackpool conference a year ago and when Clause Four was replaced in April — I saw in their faces respect, and at times admiration, but seldom warmth or close identification, as there was with Neil Kinnock and John Smith. At the TUC a month ago, Mr Blair was awkward when making matey jokes about union leaders.

For union leaders and many party activists, Mr Blair's justification is that he is the man who can at long last end the years of Opposition. As he remarked dryly last year: "Some of you support me because you think I can win." The weekend batch of opinion polls unanimously shows the public firmly endorsing his attempt to change Labour, distancing it from the unions and all the ideological baggage of the 1970s and 1980s.

The left-wing charges, repeated at yesterday's fringe meetings, that Mr Blair is trying to create an SDP Mark II miss the point. He is certainly trying to create a social democratic party, and there are similarities of policy with the SDP — on Europe, defence, the unions, the market economy and internal party democracy. But they reflect the shift in the broader public debate, rather than any genuflection to the memory of the Gang of Four.

More significant is the difference of strategy. Mr Blair did not join the SDP in the early 1980s, despite his anger with the antics of the hard Left in Hackney. His decision was vindicated because the SDP failed. Its flaw was less to do with its policies than with its lack of an overall identity and social roots. In their forthcoming study, *The SDP*, Ivor Crewe and Anthony King make clear how the party's hopes of flourishing depended on Labour disintegrating, as the Liberals did after 1916. But this was — narrowly — avoided. Even in Labour's long convalescence after 1983, the SDP's prospects were limited by its failure to make any inroads into working-class communities in inner cities and the industrial heartlands. The public-sector professionals and educated middle classes to whom it appealed were too narrow a group.

Mr Blair is determined to avoid that error. For him, Labour remains the sole means of achieving a left-of-centre government, with or without the Liberal Democrats as allies. But simply to ignore the activists, as Labour leaders increasingly did in the 1960s and 1970s, would not work. It would guarantee another period of disillusionment if Labour wins office and is forced, inevitably, to disappoint the extravagant hopes of the zealots.

So Mr Blair is not trying to bypass the Labour Party, but rather, as he has frankly said, to create "literally a new party" — both through the recruitment of new members and by identifying the party with the aspirations of ordinary people. The increase in party membership by more than 50 per cent to 351,000 since his election as leader has yet to make its full impact. Mr Blair's base is with those party members and with the voters whom he has attracted back to Labour, rather than with the smaller group of political enthusiasts. Whenever the views of ordinary party members are canvassed, as in the leadership election and over Clause Four, his approach receives overwhelming support.

His attempt bring into play a new party is a gamble. Traditionally, the leadership has relied on the loyalty of the big unions with their block votes to offset the left-wing zealotry of constituency parties — as may happen again tomorrow over the Liz Davies affair. But this conference will approve a further cut in the proportion of votes exercised by the unions from 70 per cent down to 50 per cent (not so long ago it was 90 per cent). This will give the constituency parties a much bigger say.

The Blairites are confident that the shift away from the ultra-leftism/Bennism of the early 1980s will not be reversed. And they are looking for ways of extending one-member-one-vote to major policy issues, as well as internal elections and selection of candidates. The unspoken question, raised by the Davies row, is whether this also involves excluding the far Left, and indeed encouraging a breakaway by them into a new party.

The real test will come not before the election, but afterwards if Labour wins. Mr Blair needs to build up understanding within the party of the constraints of office, so that the charges of betrayal levelled at the previous two Labour Governments will not be repeated, and so that the party will support him during difficult times. This involves both showing how Labour would make a difference in power and lowering expectations. Gordon Brown will, for example, this morning both outline his plan to tackle youth and long-term unemployment, and warn against drawing up a shopping list of expensive new programmes.

The balancing act between inspiration and realism is hard. Mr Blair cannot ignore the idealism of many Labour supporters. He still has a lot to do to secure the unqualified trust of his party.

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

Lonely luvvy

NEITHER Kenneth Branagh nor Emma Thompson, who announced an amicable separation at the weekend, after a week's negotiations in France, is lost for companions. She has been seeing Greg Wise, the young actor she met on the set of *Sense and Sensibility*; he has been linked to Helena Bonham Carter, who has denied any suggestion of an affair.

But Ken wasn't so popular in the old days, if his first press profile is anything to go by. It came in the form of an appeal by him for girlfriends, in a 1977 edition of the weekly magazine for teenage girls, *Oh Boy!*

Under the heading "Oh Boyfriends", was the introduction: "Like a chappie to cheer you up? We've got loads of great guys who'd just love to write to *you*." Underneath was a photo of Branagh accompanied by the text: "Sixteen-year-old Ken Branagh is a sports fanatic, but in between huffin' and puffin' he also finds time for a bit of guitar playing and listening to music (his fave is Wings!) He'd like to write to a young lady of fifteen plus, over 5ft, not fussy about looks but please send photo."



Baby Ken: replies please

Flap-trap

LETTERBOXES are the talking point of Conservatives in Cornwall. The fingers of leaflet campaigners have been mauled by spring-loaded flaps, and the Truro and St Austell Conservative Association is demanding legislation for change.

"Some of us have spent 30 or 40 years sticking leaflets through letterboxes during campaigns," says the association's secretary, Jenny Hoskins. "You break your back bending down to push them through and break your fingers on the springs — or have them bitten by silent dogs on the other side. Ideally, I think people should have boxes outside their homes. A friend of mine still has a misshapen finger from when a little dog bit her."

In-laws first

FIRST to test out the lectern on the Labour Party platform being prepared for today's conference in Brighton was an experienced actor with more than a passing interest in the performance of Tony Blair.

The actor Tony Booth was spotted yesterday with his daughter Cherie Blair, picking his way purposefully through the technicians' wires on stage with its new Campari-coloured backdrop.

He reached the lectern, gripped it like an old pro but refrained from delivering a policy speech. "I'm only acting as the stand-in," he explained. "I don't think I'd qualify for the real job."

● *For the London launch tonight of the James Young Bentley, being sold at a mere £187,000, staff at the HR Owen dealership have come up with an appropriate name for the car's impregnable alarm system: the Thatcher.*

Full Monte

LONDON'S latest club for movers and sheiks, Monte's in Sloane Street, is courting the highest in the land. The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough attended its opening party last month, as did Sir David and Lady Frost, Sophie Rhys Jones, Tara Palmer-Tompkinson and Tamara Beckwith; it poached a three-star Michelin chef from Monte Carlo; and its dining table was designed by the Queen's nephew, Lord Linley.

But the club had reckoned without BT. Its phones don't work, and director Andrew Young is livid. "BT has made it intolerable. Never have I seen such inept organisation, slack service, poor management and limited equipment. With months of notice, BT was unable to install my phone system within even three weeks of the agreed date. Most of the equipment delivered was wrong, and to date they have not delivered a fully operable and acceptable system." A member of the BT board, who has inquired about membership, has just received a forthright reply.



"He met a beautiful princess and lived sadly ever after"

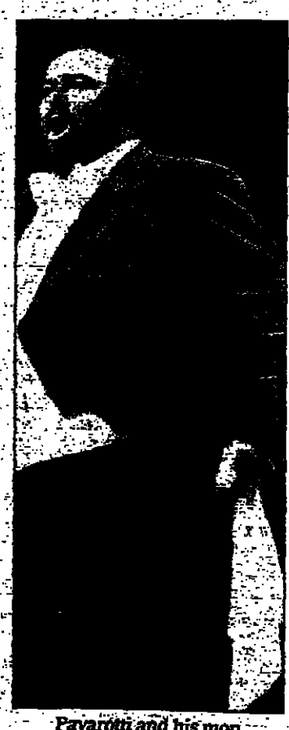
Basta pasta

AS LUCIANO PAVAROTTI'S divorce dominated the Italian headlines yesterday, the star treated himself to a lunch befitting his ample frame at an Italian restaurant in Manchester, where he sang on Saturday night.

He turned up with his personal assistant, Nicoletta Mantovani, at the Cocotoo, which boasts a replica of the Sistine Chapel ceiling. "He ate a bit of everything: some asparagus, pasta, Beluga caviare, Dover sole with vegetables, tiramisu, ice-cream. He wanted everything and he made a comment on it all," said the manager Alfiero Cennamori. "Most of all he liked the roast potoates (with salt, pepper, garlic, rosemary and olive oil). He said they were the best he'd ever had."

● *Meanwhile the great tenor has made an extraordinary gesture to raise money for the Musicians Benevolent Fund. He is offering for auction the handkerchief he uses to mop his prodigious frame during concerts.*

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Pavarotti and his mop

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DEATH OF AN EMU

A stable Europe must now be built without a single currency

As of this morning, the future of Europe has been transformed. Helmut Kohl's declaration that monetary union is "probably not for this century" may sound to many readers like nothing more than a casual assertion of prag-matic common sense. But in the look-ing-glass world of European diplomacy, Herr Kohl's decision to utter an unvarn-ished truth about EMU is a shattering event.

After the Majorca *summit* last weekend failed to heal the split between Germany, France and Italy over the prospects for EMU, Herr Kohl's deep personal commit-ment to the single currency represented the Euro-federalists' last great hope. He could have reprimanded his Finance Minister, Theo Waigel, for casting doubt on other countries' ability to qualify for monetary union. He could, at least, have underlined his long-standing personal commitment to a special partnership, above and beyond Maastricht, between Germany and France. Instead Herr Kohl has decided to shatter the illusion of Maastricht, and to do so publicly at the most sensitive possible time.

Why did Herr Kohl do this? Perhaps he was irritated beyond endurance by Presi-dent Chirac's neo-Gaullist nationalism — as evidenced not only in France's nuclear testing, but even more by M. Chirac's refusal to implement the Schengen treaty on ending border controls. Perhaps Herr Kohl's decision was inspired by his leg-endary rapport with the German people, who have suddenly become deeply alarmed by the effects of EMU on their personal savings.

Whatever Herr Kohl's motivation, the implications of his demarche are clear. Until yesterday's comments it was still possible to believe that Herr Kohl's personal passion for the Franco-German partnership would encourage him to manipulate the strict economic criteria agreed at Maatsricht in order to let France join a single currency in 1999. The Chancellor would then deploy his unique brand of political salesmanship to persuade the German public, the par-liament and the Constitutional Court to accept this fudge. Now this is impossible.

Herr Kohl will now be held by the German people to the promises he has unambiguously made. He will not be able to let France participate in a single currency in 1999 unless it can satisfy the strict criteria agreed at Maastricht — and this is almost impossible. But if France were excluded from participating with Germany in EMU, then it would clearly be a 'geopolitical disaster of major proportions for the project to go ahead.

For EMU to be delayed beyond 1999, however, would be almost as perilous as for Germany to go ahead without France. Without a clear target date for EMU, it will become even more difficult for French politicians to justify the immense economic sacrifices involved in defending a clearly overvalued French franc and remaining subservient to a monetary policy made in Frankfurt. Hitting the fiscal convergence criteria agreed at Maastricht will not become any easier in the next decade. If, as is almost certain, the entire world economy is hit by another recession some time early in the next decade, all hope of reducing the French budget deficit to Maastricht levels would disappear. More importantly, there will be a new generation leading Europe. Less dominated by the scars of the Second World War they are unlikely to have the same faith in the Euro-federalist project as Herr Kohl.

In sum, it is now almost impossible to imagine a sequence of events that will lead to a monetary union in Europe in the foreseeable future. The slogan of the Euro-federalists has long been that "Europe will be built on a single currency or it will not be built at all". For all those who care about a prosperous, stable and peaceful Europe, that slogan, and the thinking behind it, must now be overturned. A stable, co-operative and prosperous Europe must now be built without a single currency; otherwise it will not be built at all.

LABOUR TOMORROW

Voters wonder what Tony Blair's new Britain would be like

The past 12 months have taken their toll on the Labour Party. This time last year, Tony Blair stunned his audience, inside and out-side the conference hall, by announcing the demise of Clause Four. The ensuing debate and the eventual vote were good both for the party and for its image; but they have left today's delegates feeling somewhat bruised and disgruntled. That is why, despite Labour's continuing strong lead in the polls, this week will not be an easy one for Mr Blair. Signs of discontent surfaced over the summer while the leader was on holiday. They will crop up again, sporadically, over the course of this week.

As usual, the minimum wage will cause trouble, as will the candidature of Liz Davies, who was banned by the National Executive Committee last week from stand-ing for Leeds North East. The tricky question of grant-maintained schools will arise again, together with the traditional motion on defence spending which the leadership, equally traditionally, ignores.

Conference week is the time of year when dissension is aired: delegates are not (though they should be) elected by one-member-one-vote, and it tends to be the most vociferous activists who win their conference passes. Despite the large rise in Labour's member-ship since Mr Blair became leader, few of the new, modernising members are likely to have been able to squeeze themselves into constituency delegations in Brighton.

This makes the leader's task all the harder. He has three different audiences to address: the country, the party at large, and the delegates in the hall. Only the last audience is in a position to embarrass him by voting or speaking against him. Even if this week displays nothing like the vitriol that Labour conferences routinely showed in the 1980s, it may still not be a pleasant occasion for Mr Blair.

Yet mollifying conference delegates is real-ly the least of the leader's tasks. Having spent the past year creating "new" Labour, he now needs to paint a picture of the "new" Britain that voters might expect to see if they were to send him to Downing Street. This could possibly be the last Labour conference before the general election. Mr Blair needs to rise above arguments about the minimum wage or the exact status of grant-maintained schools. What voters want is some sense of what it would feel like to wake up in a Labour Britain. Would they be more or less confident, richer or poorer, excited or scared? Would their lives really change? If so, for the better or the worse? After all these years, voting Labour is a big leap into the dark. Mr Blair should shine a torch into the corners.

This would also help to improve his relations with his party. One reason for the disenchantment of some members is that, while they know what they are not supposed to believe in any more, they have little grasp of the new vision. So far, Labour philosophy has been a list of lacunae and unrelated policies. Like a jigsaw puzzle just emptied from the box, the colours are clear but few of the pieces have been fitted together. Some big pieces are still missing.

HAWKING'S HAMLET

The professor leads us forward into the past

Stephen Hawking's declaration that time travel is possible takes the enigma of time a stage farther and darker into the unknown. Until now Professor Hawking has argued against the possibility of such a time machine. In his foreword to a book to be published next month he has now recanted: "One of the consequences of rapid interstel-lar travel would be that one could also travel back in time."

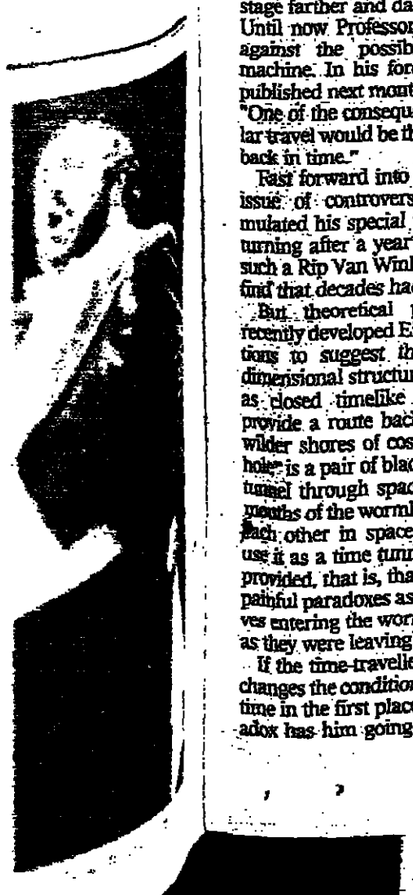
Fast forward into the future has been an issue of controversy since Einstein for-mulated his special theory of relativity. Re-turning after a year's jaunt into the future, such a Rip Van Winkle time traveller would find that decades had passed on Earth.

But theoretical physicists have more recently developed Einstein's relativity equa-tions to suggest that loops in the four-dimensional structure of space-time, known as closed timelike curves (CTCs), could provide a route backward in time. On the wilder shores of cosmic physics, a "worm-hole" is a pair of black holes, connected by a tunnel through space and time. If the two mouths of the wormhole were placed next to each other in space, time-travellers might use it as a time tunnel to their own past — provided, that is, that they could avoid such painful paradoxes as bumping into themsel-ves entering the wormhole at the same time as they were leaving it.

If the time-traveller changes the past, he changes the conditions that sent him back in time in the first place. The grandfather par-adox has him going back two generations, and killing his grandfather before that young ancestor procreates. The Hamlet pa-radox scribbles out of a vacuum. The time-traveller goes back to the Elizabethan age to interview Shakespeare, gets his dates wrong, and arrives before the apprentice playwright has written *Hamlet*. Shakespe-are takes the opportunity to crib the time-tra-veller's text and passes it off as his own, so adding a new dimension to Baconian theory.

If time travel is possible, there must be some principle in nature to prevent such paradoxes arising. One way out is the consistency principle, which says that all actions must be consistent with past history. And this has to over-ride the autonomy principle, which gives us freedom to do what we want, so long as it does not violate the laws of science. The principle of least action might prevent the time-traveller colliding with himself. And the "multiverse" theory posits an infinite number of parallel universes. The time-traveller may kill his prospective grandfather, but that is in another universe, and accordingly does not nip off his future-past in the bud at home.

Such Einsteinian evolutions may show that time travel is theoretically possible. The naive speculations of famous scientists about theology and philosophy show that they are as much children of the two cultures divide as their arts equivalents on the other side. But the practicalities of space travel, with its infinite expanses and expenses, are going to remain theories of science fiction for our lifetime — whatever that may mean.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Treatment of mentally ill under community care

From Mr Ian G. Thomson, FRCPsych

Sir, On September 23 you reported the Health Secretary as defending the department's stance on community care of schizophrenics by saying that public spending on mental health services had increased significantly as community care had grown.

If this is the truth, it is not the whole truth. In my view, the current Mental Health Act, which was a great ad-vance for the majority of patients, often operates to the disadvantage of those with serious and protracted illness who were better catered for under the old Act. These unfortunate people need more professional control than they currently get.

In 1964, when I started as a psychia-trist, I believe that more NHS mental beds were occupied than general beds, and that the majority of their occu-pants were suffering from schizophre-nia. Since then expenditure on schizophrenia has shrunk vastly.

Last year "I ran" (in quotes as it is not really clear who is in charge these days) an acute psychiatric admission ward. I found it difficult and stressful to be regularly discharging patients prematurely, most often those with schizophrenia, so as to make room for more acute cases. Most of my psych-iatrist colleagues are now in positions of responsibility without power. The question of accountability is not clear: the doctor, the nurse, the manager, or the NHS trust?

As I currently visit psychiatric patients for the Mental Health Act Commission I am struck by the con-trast between the "organised" care in psychogeriatric and rehabilitation wards and the apparently more "dis-organised" care in acute wards. I have concern for both the patients and staff: the excess throughput of acute cases is not conducive to good care and pro-bably relates to increased relapse — and no doubt to some crime.

One way forward would be for Par-liament to face the existence of those who are chronically both mentally ill and antisocial. Both they and the pub-lic need protection.

In the early 1970s Denmark had a solution (later abandoned) whereby certain categories of patient who, on committing even a minor offence and after due assessment of their needs, could be certified and consigned to "parole" for life or until the court discharged them. The parole officer could then dictate whether they stayed in hospital, hostel or elsewhere.

Such a system of organised care is surely better for the patient and the public than the haphazard system here in Britain, highlighted by the reports on Christopher Clunis (the schizophrenic who killed Jonathan Zito in 1992) and Jason Mitchell (killer of his own father and of an elderly couple in 1994) and on others. I am sure, who are yet to hit the headlines.

Yours sincerely,
I. G. THOMSON,
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September 24.

From Dr J. Harding Price

Sir, The constant insistence by the De-partment of Health that community care is right, accepted and agreed by all, is untrue. Most experienced psych-iatrists know that such care is not correct for all patients of all mental illnesses, and those of us who were in the forefront of advocating a com-munity life for people whenever possible also pointed out its diffi-culties, dangers and limitations.

Many people become ill in the com-munity and are made ill by the way the community is organised. The aggressive psychopath in the battle-field is an asset, in the town a danger. For many patients the return from the mental hospital to the community cre-ates a nightmare, with terrible con-sequences. The murders are but a small part of that nightmare — drugs, alcohol, arson and prison are the com-mon sequelae.

At the St Johns and the Lawn hospitals in Lincoln, between 1960 and 1974, we reduced the number of psych-iatric beds in Lincolnshire from 2,400 to 840. However, the pressure to escape from the alleged "paradise of the community" into Mr Dorrell's "sinister, forbidding Victorian asy-lums" was such that, despite a com-pletely open hospital policy, we never were sure of enough beds to cope.

Mr Dorrell's recent statements re-veal that he understands neither the balance of the human mind nor the mental health behaviour in the com-munity. Most of the few bad asylums remaining from the 1930s and 1940s were eclipsed by the establishment of therapeutic communities in the 1950s, enabling patients not just to gain sanctuary but also to find a new way of life and to establish themselves in a useful role.

Yours faithfully,
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September 29.

From Mr Clifford P. Robinson

Sir, The public have been led to believe that the alternative to incarceration in institutions is care-in-the-community. It is this unhealthy perception which lies behind the Mental Health Act: new methods of treatment, local secure units and clinically-staffed care homes in the community for the long-term seriously mentally ill are safety nets that have gone by the board, sacrificed to cost-cutting and, often, the negligence of policymakers.

As the brother of a hospital occupa-tional therapist stabbed to death two years ago by a deranged patient who was under community care, I believe that families of such victims are owed both a public apology and the identi-fication of the *individual* responsible for the "community care" in question.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mrs Lorna Blyth Harvey

Sir, Instead of comfortable accom-modation for those musically well enough to attend the opera, may I suggest that some of the National Lottery funds go towards security and community care for those who are mentally ill.

Yours faithfully,
L. B. HARVEY,
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Globe and its exits and its entrances

From Mr A. I. Shapiro

Sir, It is reassuring to learn from the Chief Executive of the International Shakespeare Globe Centre (letter, September 23) that "all views are welcome" about the mock-up stage at the new Globe theatre, for nothing is known about any feature of the stages of either the first Globe, burnt down in 1612 (shortly before Shakespeare retired to Stratford), or of the second, built in 1613.

We might learn the plan of both forestages if English Heritage would permit further investigation of their original site. At present we do not know whether either of them was rect-angular in plan, or like part of a hexa-gon, as were both stages at the Rose. The height of the stage floor above the level of the yard is unknown, and likely to remain so.

All plays of course require at least two stage entrances, and two existed at the first Globe, sometimes referred to as "doors"; but where and what they looked like is anybody's guess. The belief, ascribed by Benedict Nightingale to "the academic majo-rity" ("Argument rages round the Globe", Arts, September 13) that there were three entrance doors bunched centrally together and all in the same plane, facing forward to the audience, must rank as among the most implausible of such guesses.

My own guess is that two "doors" were merely gaps between the stage-back and the stage's side-walls, with the stage-back at each extended sufficiently beyond the gap to prevent spectators seeing behind stage. Such gaps would have permitted an "army" to enter waving banners and bran-dishing spears etc, marching or rush-ing across stage to the other gap, as called for in plots of many plays written before 1610. These entrances would no doubt have facilitated, for example, the procession of appari-tions and kings that appears in Act IV of *Macbeth*.

I also believe that there was a central stage-entrance at the Globe, wide enough for kings and potentates to enter in state accompanied by guards or retinue. It is certain that there was a balcony over the stage, projecting forward probably by about two feet; the floor of the balcony is unlikely to have been much higher than seven feet above the stage floor, not skied as in the workshop mock-up shown in the photograph which ac-companied Mr Nightingale's article.

In a theatre with a wide central stage entrance, gap-entrances at each side, and a balcony, all plays in the Globe repertoire would be easily per-formable.

Yours faithfully,
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Facts on fat

From Mr Craig Sams

Sir, The Department of Health has decided not to publish Professor Philip James's report that obesity is a serious threat to the future health of men and women in Britain, because "ministers want to shed their nan-nying image" (report September 29). This means that, once again, the de-partment has suppressed a step to-wards the encouragement of better nutrition.

Prevention is the best cure — and diet has, since the time of Hippocrates ("Let thy food be thy medicine"), been seen as the key to maintaining good health. Billions are spent annually on the NHS to deal with the harm that Britons inflict on themselves through over-consumption of fatty, sugary foods. Diabetes, cancer and heart dis-ease stubbornly maintain high levels of incidence.

It would not be "nannying" for the Government at least to permit the public access to the results of nu-tritional research. Nobody has pro-posed "food Leninist" gulags or compulsory feeding programmes; but in a democratic society we should be allowed to know that the drugs and surgery of the National Health Ser-vice are not the only way to maintain good health.

Yours sincerely,
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September 29.

Short rations

From Mrs M. E. C. Freer

Sir, Hurrah for Mr Malcolm Botham, who objects to bureaucracy's failure to recognise more than two initials (let-ter, September 23). I have signed my-self by my Christian name, Claire, all my life, but bureaucracy resolutely continues to address me as M. E. Freer. I have had credit cards queried, had difficulty in paying in cheques, and only after a struggle of many years have I persuaded the Health Service that I am not Mary Freer.

I have been asked why I chose to use my last name. Does one choose at one day old? My parents followed the cus-tom of the age and gave me, in addi-tion to the name they chose, those of my two grandmothers, Mary and Edith; but they thought it more euph-onious to arrange them as they did.

Yours faithfully,
CLAIRE FREER,
6 The Priory, Priory Road,
Abbotskerswell, Devon.

From Mr Philip C. A. Pedley

Sir, I strongly support Mr Botham's plea: much as I admire many police-men, I do not wish to be addressed as P. C. Pedley. When I complain, the usual excuse is that "the computer does not permit the use of more than two initials". This confirms my long-held view that these machines are stu-pid and that some of those who pro-gram them must have had too narrow an education.

Yours faithfully,
P. C. A. PEDLEY,
Old Manor Farm, Main Street,
Farnsfield, Nottinghamshire.

Fall in property values

From Ms Hilary Patrick

Sir, We were concerned to read that an NHS trust in Surrey setting up a sheltered accommodation project for people leaving psychiatric hospital may be forced to compensate neigh-bouring home-owners for the alleged drop in the value of their houses (report, September 21).

We know of no evidence that sheltered accommodation projects cause prices to fall, despite the almost universal belief that this is the case. This has been established in fairly extensive research from the United States and Canada, and a recent research project in Glasgow bore out the US studies. The researchers looked at property prices in one area where mental health accommodation projects had been introduced and another very similar area with no such projects. Prices in both areas rose similarly.

The evidence is, therefore, that community care projects will *not* involve NHS trusts in paying large amounts of compensation to dis-gruntled neighbours. The value of neighbouring properites will *not* fall.

Figures of hundreds of thousands of pounds compensation were quoted in your article. We do hope those in-volved are not using the community care project to explain a fall in house prices which was happening anyway.

The difficult issue of neighbours' opposition to community care projects will not go away. People setting up such projects may be interested in a report prepared for the Scottish Men-tal Health Forum which tackles some of the issues. *Community Care: Con-sultation with Neighbours* is available free from our information centre.

Yours sincerely,
HILARY PATRICK (Legal Adviser),
Scottish Association for
Mental Health,
Atlantic House,
38 Gardner's Crescent, Edinburgh.
September 26.

University pay

From the Chairman of the Association of University and College Lecturers

Sir, The questioning by Professor Keith Smith (letter, September 25) of the effectiveness of the CVCP (Com-mittee of Vice-Chancellors and Prin-cipals) as the "voice" for universities coincided with the reluctant accep-tance of a pay increase of 2.7 per cent by lecturers in the English and Welsh new universities and colleges.

The perception of these staff must be that this voice speaks with forked tongue. Whilst the CVCP pleads to Government the case for increased funding of universities, its negotiating arm, the Universities and Colleges Employers' Association, has enforced a pay deal on lecturers that is 0.9 per cent less than inflation, and gives a starting salary of £13,000 — less than that of a good honours school teacher.

Similarly, the UCEA has flatly refused to discuss improvements to research staff's pay and conditions, yet the CVCP is party to a draft concordat aiming to improve the position of contract research staff. Three sets of lecturers' salary scales and settlement dates operate across the UK, mainly to the detriment of staff in the new universities, and the employers seem content to maintain these divisions in higher education.

Collective bargaining has served all university academics ill over a 10-year period of increased productivity. An independent pay review is the only means by which fair salaries can be restored for the overall benefit of institutions, their staff and students.

Yours faithfully,
NEIL MACFARLANE,
National Chairman, Association of
University and College Lecturers,
104 Albert Road,
Southsea, Hampshire.

Tory candidates

From Mrs Caroline Strafford

Sir, Since, according to recent re-search from Sheffield University, the average age of a Conservative Party member in 1992 was 62, it is hardly surprising that candidates currently being selected are middle-aged, mar-ried males (reports, September 25).

Many of the activitists choosing candidates are of a generation that believes that a woman's place is in the home with her family and so select accordingly. I must confess that if I were asked to take part in selecting a candidate — even though I am well below the average age of a Conserva-tive member — I would wonder what husband would happily accept the absence of his wife when Parliament sits for such unsocial hours.

Until the Conservative Party is able to attract young people, which will not happen until the party becomes demo-cratic, then it will continue. I believe, not to select women candidates.

Yours faithfully,
CAROLINE STRAFFORD,
Perama, Fulmer Road,
Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Layers of union

From Dr James Francis

Sir, The conflict over the direction of the European Union could, I feel, be solved by turning it into the European Onion. By this I mean that there could be three, or possibly more, layers of membership.

The most basic would be the one which Britain originally joined — ie, a trading relationship, the EEC. A more advanced membership might be to add in a common foreign and defence policy, a EU (which has yet to be de-veloped). At the core could be mone-tary union. It would be up to member states to decide which layer they choose to join.

This solution would allow poli-ticians to prevaricate until economic necessity drives them into the core.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES FRANCIS,
5 Alverdiffe Drive,
Alverstoke, Gosport, Hampshire.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Inhumane weapons

From the Secretary General of the World Medical Association

Sir, Doctors around the world wish to add their voices to those demanding restrictions on the use in armed con-flict both of anti-personnel landmines (letters, March 9 and September 21) and of laser systems intended perma-nently to blind opponents (letter, September 14).

The World Medical Association, which represents more than three mil-lion doctors in 64 countries, looks to the United Nations conference cur-rently meeting in Vienna to amend the UN Convention on Inhumane Wea-pons, so that we can end the indis-criminate effects of landmines.

Members of this association are horrified at the death and injury being caused to civilians by landmines, often long after the cessation of the hostilities during which they were laid.

The laying of undetectable land-mines and the irresponsible use of laser systems as blinding weapons now represents one of the biggest public health issues facing the world today.

Yours faithfully,
IAN FIELD,
Secretary General,
The World Medical Association,
218 Avenue des Alpes,
01210 Ferney-Voltaire, France.
September 26.

Harvest festival

From Mr Ron Johnston

Sir, There seems to be much less pro-duce decorating churches for their annual harvest festivals this year. Has "set aside" been extended to ecclesiastical buildings?

Yours faithfully,
RON JOHNSTON,
123 The Close, Salisbury, Wiltshire.
September 26.

Measure for measure

From Mr Michael Bird

Sir, The answer to Mr Dennis Winter-burn's question (letter, September 30) — are English worms to be replaced by centipedes and millipedes? — is of course no: the EC has abolished feet.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BIRD,
5 Glentham Gardens, Barnes, SW13.
October 1.

COURT CIRCULAR

ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 1: The Prince of Wales this afternoon departed from Heathrow Airport, London, to visit Oman at the invitation of The Sultan Qaboos bin Said al Said, who celebrates the twenty-fifth Anniversary of his Accession this year.

Mr Hussein Ibrahim (Chargé d'Affaires, Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman) and Colonel N. Johnson (representative of Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London) were present and took leave of His Royal Highness.

The Prince of Wales was welcomed this evening ast Seeb Airport, Muscat, by His Highness Sayyid Thuwaini bin Shihab Al Said (personal representative of The Sultan).

His Royal Highness later arrived at Bait al Baraka Palace.

Mr Stephen Lamport and Mr Allan Percival are in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 1: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Gala Performance in aid of the Lyric Centenary Development Fund, at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, London, W.6.

Lady Aird was in attendance.

Memorial service

Dr Herbert Sumsion
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Dr Herbert Sumsion, composer and organist, was held on Saturday in Gloucester Cathedral. The Dean officiated. Mr John Sumsion, son, and the Dean read the lessons. Dr John Sanders gave an address. Music played during the service was composed by Herbert Sumsion, Gerald Finzi and Herbert Howells. Mr David Briggs directed the cathedral choir and organ voluntaries were played by Dr Donald Hunt.

George Peabody
A Bicentenary Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of George Peabody will be held in Westminster Abbey at noon on Thursday, November 16. Those wishing to attend are asked to apply in writing, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, to: The Bicentenary Manager, Peabody Trust, 45 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB. Applications should be made by October 31 and tickets will be posted on November 8. All are welcome to apply.

Lady Taylor of Gosforth
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lady Taylor of Gosforth will be held on Thursday, October 12, at 5pm in the Temple Church, EC4.

Mr Bill Pirie
A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Bill Pirie will be held on Thursday, October 5, at St George's, Hanover Square, at 11.30am.

Gray's Inn

Judge Nina Lowry, Michael Lawrence Saunders, QC, Hilary Heilbron, QC, Michael Newman Howard, QC, and John Hendy, QC, have been elected Masters of the Bench of Gray's Inn.

Service luncheon

RAF Tempsford Association
Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis Hodges presided at the annual reunion luncheon of RAF Tempsford Association (138 and 161 Squadrons) on Saturday at the Anchor Inn, Tempsford, Bedfordshire.

Service dinners

Royal Navy Frobisher Special Entry No 55
The members of "Special Entry Cadets No 55" from Belgium, Canada, Free France, India, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa and the United Kingdom commemorated the 54th Anniversary of their joining the RN College at Dartmouth and the 50th Anniversary of World War II with a dinner on board HMS Warrior (1860) on September 30, 1995. They were honoured by the company of the Deputy Lord Mayor of Portsmouth, the Flag Office Portsmouth, and their ladies.

1st Battalion The Wessex Regiment
Former honorary colonels, officers past and present of the 1st Battalion The Wessex Regiment (Rifle Volunteers), and Nato liaison officers held their final officers' dinner at the Town Hall, Devizes, on Saturday. Colonel M.S. Lee-Browne presided and the colours were marched out at midnight.

2nd Battalion The Wessex Regiment
Major J.H. Spanner presided at the final officers' dinner, prior to their amalgamation, of the 2nd Battalion The Wessex Regiment held on Saturday at Woolwich. Lieutenant-Colonel R.B. Paddison, Commanding Officer, and General Sir John Learmont, Honorary Colonel, also spoke. Lieutenant-General Sir Anthony Denison-Smith, Brigadier J.M. Patrick, Mr Michael Bull and past and present officers were among the guests.

Ferns and asters show their paces

By Alan Toogood
HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

A COLLECTION of hardy ferns was the best exhibit at the first Malvern autumn flower show.

The ferns, staged by Rickards Hardy Ferns of Tenbury Wells, Hereford and Worcester, which also gained a gold medal, were largely for autumn and winter interest, particularly polypody (Polypodium Cambricum cultivars) with fresh green fronds.

Reputedly the largest collection of michaelmas daisies seen at any flower show were shown by the Picton Garden, Old Court Nurseries, of Colwall, Hereford and Worcester. They made an impressive centre-piece. The show was staged jointly by the Royal Horticultural Society and the Three Counties Agricultural Society.

More than 100 cultivars of michaelmas daisies displayed their versatility; from 7 ft high giants such as Aster Cordifolius "Chieftain" with small mauve flowers, to 6 in dwarfs, including "Daniella" with surprisingly large purple flowers.

More than 100 cultivars of potatoes were staged by David Chappell, an amateur gardener of Newport, Gwent, ranging from the ancient cultivars blue-purple "Blue Salad" to modern kinds, including the long white "Elvira".

Another vegetable grower, Arthur Davies, of Talgarth, Powys, showed a comprehensive collection of crops, including his own strain of a giant onion "Ailsa Craig", and a new cream and green squash (currently on trial) named "Variegated Acorn", raised by his daughter in New Zealand. That exhibit was awarded a gold medal.

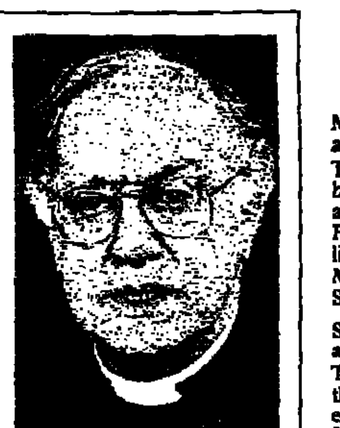
Gold medals were also awarded to Steven Bailey, of Lymington, Hants (pinks, carnations, and alstroemerias); S and N Brackley, of Wingrave, Bucks (sweet peas); Burncoos Nurseries, of Redruth (trees, shrubs and ornamental plants); Craig House Cacti (California), of Hesketh Park, Lancs (cacti and succulents); Fir Trees Nursery, of Stokesley (pelargoniums); Hall Farm Nursery, of Oswestry (herbaceous plants); Southfield Nurseries, of Bourne (cacti and succulents); and tropical rain forest, of Leeds (bromeliads).

Kennedy Memorial Trust

Professor Peter Hennessy has been appointed Chairman of the Kennedy Memorial Trust from October 1995 in succession to Lord Quinton.

Birthdays today

Mr Trevor Brooking, footballer, 47; Dr William Cramond, former Vice-Chancellor, Stirling University, 75; Lord Davies, 55; Sir Brian Dillon, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 70; Mr Wade Dooley, rugby player, 38; Professor Sir Robin Duthie, former chairman, Britoil, 67; Mr Peter Frankl, pianist, 60; Professor Sir John Gurdon, Master, Magdalene College, Cambridge, 62; Sir Geoffrey Inkin, chairman, Land Authority for Wales, 61; Colonel Sir Walter Luttrell, former Lord Lieutenant of Somerset, 76; Miss Jan Morris, writer, 69; Mr Vivian Ridler, former Printer to Oxford University, 82; the Right Rev Lord Runcie, 74; Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor of the Supreme Court, 61; Sting (Mr Gordon Sumner), rock singer, 44; Mr Gary Streeter, MP, 40; Earl Temple of Stowe, 71; Dr Duncan Thomson, Keeper, Scottish National Portrait Gallery, 61; Vice-Admiral Sir Anthony Tippett, 67; Lord Todd, OM, 88; Lieutenant-Colonel E.C.T. Wilson, VC, 83.



Lord Runcie, who is 74 today

Clifton College

The Council of Clifton College are pleased to announce that the new Science Centre for the Preparatory School will be opened officially by Sir John Kendrew, CBE, ScD, FRS (OC), President of St John's College, Oxford, on Thursday, October 5. As part of the Clifton College Arts Festival, the new Music School in the Preparatory School will be opened on Wednesday, November 15, by Sir David Willcocks, CBE, MC (OC), who will also conduct the English Chamber Orchestra in a concert in Chapel which will feature Steve Isserlis (cello) and which will include a performance of Fauré's Requiem.

Appointments

Judge Pitchers and Judge Sumner are to share the newly-created post of Director of Studies at the Judicial Studies Board from today.

Miss Jane Morris to be Junior of the Midland and Oxford Circuit; Mr Neil Moore to be Assistant Junior.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy & Marines

CAPTAIN: I R Hewitt to MoD (Central Staffs) 15.3.96; H Keay to Brussels 22.12.95; N B Kirby to Sultan 23.1.96; A Munns to Staff of FOSF 23.2.96.

SURGEON CAPTAIN: R D Curr to Staff of 2SL/CNH 6.10.95.

LOCAL COLONEL: R H G Fulton to HQRM 15.11.95.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: R J Williams to RM Poole as CO.

COMMANDER: F J Aitken to Illustrious 1.3.96; D J Cooke to MoD London 29.3.96; I M Crabtree to Dryad 1.12.95; A R Davies to Dryad 1.10.95; K Howell to MoD Bath 15.12.95; D J Issitt to RNAS Culdrose 22.3.96; J M Knowles to MoD London 5.1.96; D T Nelson to Raleigh 8.3.96; B V C Reeves to MoD London 31.10.95; J D Stratton to MoD London 9.2.96.

The Army

COLONEL: D M H Wright REME to MoD 2.10.95; (Amendment) P H Marwood to be Colonel P+EE Shoeburyness 26.9.95.

LT-COLONEL: P J Cable RGBW — BMATT Zimbabwe 2.10.95; H R Cameron Reme — HQ Lon Dist 2.10.95; I D Edwards RE — HQ RSME 2.10.95; R E Haes R Anglian — BMM Kuwait 4.10.95; R Chart RE — HQ ARRC 3.10.95; J R Lemon RTR — CO RMLY 6.10.95; M G Paterson RE — MoD 2.10.95; D S Robertson RLC — ASC 2.10.95; J D Wilson RA — MoD 2.10.95; D M H Wright Reme — MoD 2.10.95.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: King Richard III, reigned 1483-85, Fotheringay Castle, 1452; Mahatma Gandhi, Indian political and religious leader, Probandar, Gujarat, 1869; Wallace Stevens, poet, Reading, Pennsylvania, 1879; Groucho Marx, actor, New York, 1895.

DEATHS: Samuel Adams, American independence leader, Boston, 1803; Marcel Duchamp, painter, Neuilly, France, 1968.

St Andrews Ball

The St Andrews Ball will be held in London on Friday, December 2. There will be pre-Ball sessions at Wandsworth Town Hall on Thursday, October 12, and Thursday, November 2, and a teaching evening on Thursday, October 26. Ball tickets are £30 (concession for parties of 10 or over before October 26). Dinner tickets £10 extra from the Ball Secretary, The Garden House, Cheriton, Alresford, Hampshire, SO24 0QQ. Tel: 01962 771352, Fax: 771667.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. Dumbell and Miss C. Lay
The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Jonathon Dumbell, of Plaistow, West Sussex, and Caroline, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Lay, of Wivelsfield, Sussex.

Sir Bernard Feilden and Mrs C.B.M. Murdoch
The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place quietly in Norfolk of Sir Bernard Feilden, of Stiffkey, and Mrs Tina Murdoch, of Barnes.

Mr M.J. Hanson and Miss L. Pain
The engagement is announced between Markham, younger son of the late Mr John Hanson and of Mrs Nansi Hanson, of Kensington, London, and Louise, younger daughter of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs David Pain, of West Hoathly, Sussex.

Mr W.G. Lawrie and Miss L.T. George
The engagement is announced between Graeme, son of Mr and Mrs W. Lawrie, of Tarporley, Cheshire, and Lucy Troy, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. George, of Leatherhead, Surrey.

The Hon J.D. Morris and Miss M. Klein
The engagement is announced between Jonathan David, only son of Lord and Lady Morris of Kenwood, and Melanie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Klein.

Mr S. Rich and Miss A. Africano
The marriage will take place on Saturday, October 7, 1995, between Mr Steven Rich and Miss Alessandra Africano, in Castelfranco V, Italy.

Mr S.T. Roskell and Miss S.A. Manning
The engagement is announced between Scott, son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Roskell, of Queensland, Australia, and Susan, daughter of Mrs Paulette Manning and the late William Manning, of Mid Glamorgan, South Wales.

The Rev H.I.J. Southern and Miss E.J. Lush
The engagement is announced between Humphrey, only son of Mrs Hugo Southern, of Bratton, Wiltshire, and the late Hugo Southern, and Emma, daughter of Dr and Mrs Robin Lush, of Trotton, Hampshire.

Investiture

The British Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus
The first Investiture of the British Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus was held on Saturday, September 30, at All Hallows by the Tower. Forty members were invested and or promoted and a further 45 attended.

Marriages

Mr G.R. Newman and the Hon Diana Borwick
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Croft Castle, Herefordshire, of Mr Giles Newman, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Nigel Newman, of Windsor, Berkshire, to the Hon Diana Borwick, daughter of Lord and Lady Borwick, of Bircher, Leominster. Canon Michael Moxon officiated. The Rev Dr Victor Dobbin gave an address and the Rev Jennifer Pollock pronounced the blessing.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Caroline Parry, Laura Mulligan and Miss Sarah Newman. Mr Giles Reynolds was best man.

A reception was held at Dinmore Manor and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr R.A. Lewis and the Hon Linda Steyn
The marriage took place on Saturday in the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft, Palace of Westminster, of Mr Robert Lewis, son of Mrs Kathleen Lewis, of Cheadle, Cheshire, to the Hon Linda Steyn, elder daughter of Lord Steyn, of Swafield, Norfolk, and Mrs Jean Steyn, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and stepdaughter of Lady Steyn. Canon Michael McLean officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Kathrine Robson, Helena Robson, Miss Karen Steyn and Miss Joanna Lewis. Mr Andrew Thornton was best man.

A reception was held at the House of Lords and the honeymoon will be spent in Jamaica.

Mr E.C. de Waal and Miss E.H.L. Cox
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Peter's, Woodmansterne, Surrey, of Mr Edward de Waal, elder son of Sir Henry and Lady de Waal, of London, SW1, to Miss Emma Cox, daughter of the late Mr Graham Cox and of Mrs Sarah Cox, of Kingswood. The Rev Clive C. Cooper officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr John Cox, was attended by Miss Jackie Osbaldeston. Mr Michael Liebrecht was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in Southern Africa.

Mr T. Bartlam and Mrs C. Barker
The marriage took place at Gresford Parish Church on Saturday, September 30, 1995, of Mr Tom Bartlam, of Hough Hall, Nantwich, Cheshire, and Mrs Christina Barker, of Borras House, Wrexham, Clwyd.

The couple will reside at Borras House.

Mr N.R. Bunn and Miss J.L. Robb
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 30, at the Parish Church of St Andrew's, Oxshott, between Nicholas Bunn, eldest son of Mr Richard Bunn and Mrs Maureen Zenthon, and Jane Louise Robb, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Robb. The Rev Jeremy Cresswell officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by Mrs Tanja Spittal. Mr Neil Davis was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr A. Yelland and Miss D. Clark
The marriage took place on Friday, September 29, at Christchurch, Newark, Nottinghamshire, of Mr Andrew Yelland, elder son of Mr and Mrs Trevor E. Yelland, of Brixham, Devon, and Miss Dianne Clark, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Michael Clark, of Newark.

Nature notes

KESTREL families have broken up, and the young birds have begun their solitary lives, hovering over fields and suburban wasteland and scrutinising the ground beneath for voles or mice.

Wrens move about under the orange roofs of crumbling bracken, singing loudly as they quarrel over the boundaries of their winter territories. Lesser black-backed gulls are passing through Britain and resting on rivers and reservoirs. They are the same size as the pearly-grey herring gulls, but have a much darker mantle and a fiercer demeanour.

The last swallows and house martins are heading south but stray individuals are often reported until well into November.

Redshank, or spotted persicaria, is still in bloom: the flowers are like clusters of tiny pink beads, the stems are red, and the leaves have a dark mark like a bloodstain on them. Ivy is in flower on garden walls and attracts the wasps. On spindle trees, the pink, four-lobed fruits are splitting open to reveal round orange seeds inside.

Leaves are now generally beginning to change colour, with many horse-chestnut trees suffused with red and yellow, hawthorns turning purple, and field maples yellow or pink. DJM



The female kestrel

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Proverbs 3 : 21.22 (REB)

BIRTHS

SWANN - On September 27th to Charlotte (née Jaggard) and David, a son, Christopher (Kit) Thomas Lord.

WADSWORTH - On September 21st in Liverpool, to Rachel (née Cook) and Giles, a daughter, Emily Sarah.

WHEADON - On 28th September 1995, to Kate (née Hewlett), and Tom, a son, Henry Edward Ralphs, a brother for Fred.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

MOULTON:PREECE - On October 2nd 1935 in Gloucester, Owen William to Louise Anne. Presently living in Bromley, Kent.

DEATHS

ANDREW - On 27th September 1995, Geoffrey Harry Langdon O.B.E. M.A. M.Sc., suddenly aged 71 years. Dearly loved husband of Jeannie and father of Jane and Sarah and to Paul, Sallie and Jonathan. Devoted grandpa of Alexander, Katy, William, Claire, Christopher and Max. Much loved and missed by all his family and friends. Service and cremation at Springwood Crematorium, Liverpool on Wednesday the 4th of October at 3.30pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired in lieu, to the Cardio Thoracic Unit, Broadgreen Hospital, c/o and all enquiries to The Pearson Collinson Funeral Service 91 Allerton Road Liverpool L18 2DD (0151) 722 1514

BANCROFT - Donald. On September 28th peacefully in hospital. Much missed by Dorrie, Rosalind and Sally, John, Jeremy, Alexander and all the family. Service at Worthing Crematorium Thursday 5th October at 1.20pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, for Hurstwood Neurological Centre c/o H.D Tribe Ltd, 28 South Street, Lancing. Tel:(01903) 753184.

CAUTER - Peacefully at home on 29th September, Theodore (Tom) of Tonbridge, on the eve of his 80th birthday. The beloved husband of Fiona and much loved father of Gaynor, Martin and Michael. Funeral Service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Friday 6th October at 11.30 am. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Crossroads Caring for Carers c/o Ord-Hume Funeral Services, 33A Quarry Hill Road, Tonbridge. tel: (01732) 355746.

DOLTON - Marie Frances Duval. Peacefully on 21st September at the Lawns Nursing Home, Alvechurch in her 95th year. Beloved wife of the late Walter William, much loved mother of David, Duncan, Robert, and the late Helen Watson, grand mother, great grandmother and mother in law. Funeral Service at St. Mary's Church, Vivian Road, Harborne, Birmingham at 11 am on Thursday 5th October. Family flowers only. Donations to St. Mary's Hospice, Birmingham, B29 FDA.

FRASER - Peacefully in Winchester on September 29th, Emily Elizabeth aged 90. Widow of Thomas Alexander, beloved mother of Lucy, Robert and Mary and grandmother to eight grandchildren. Requiem mass at St Peter's, Winchester on Friday October 6th at 12.15 pm. Flowers to Jno Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

FRIEND - On September 28th, Beryl Joyce (née Irving), aged 68 (BBC TV Wardrobe 1946-63), wife of John, mother of Fiona and grandmother of Jamie. Family flowers only. Donations to The Beryl Friend Community Education Fund, c/o Tomalin & Co., 58 Reading Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon. Service All Saints Church, Peppard, 2 pm Friday 6th October.

GRAY - On September 28th, peacefully after a long illness, Maxwell Gray MBE, ARIBA, much loved husband of Christine and loving stepfather and grandfather. Thanksgiving service at Randall's Park Crematorium, Leatherhead on Friday 6th October at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired, to British Heart Foundation c/o L. Hawkins, 2 Highlands Road, Leatherhead.

HOULDEN - On September 27th Kenneth Harry Houlden (Priest) aged 85, loved husband of Margot. A loyal and encouraging friend to many. Service of Thanksgiving at Highfield Church, Southampton on Friday October 6th at 2.15pm. Family flowers only. No letters please. Donations, if desired, to Christian Aid or Highfield Church to Jno. Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

HUNTER - Edith Jane died in hospital in Portsmouth on 21st September 1995 after a fall. Born Emery 15th July 1900 in London. (Lived in Twickenham 1908 - 1983). Devoted wife for 30 years and brave widow for 44 years of Henry, her heart's best treasure. Beloved mother of Henry Philip (RAFVR killed in action 1943) Brian and Derek.

MOLINS - Very peacefully on September 27th 1995, Barbara Lucy, widow of Desmond, at her home in Saunderton, Buckinghamshire. Requiem at St Teresa's Roman Catholic Church, Princes Risborough, at 11 am Thursday October 5th, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please to Surman & Harwood Funeral Service, The Green, Crowell, near Chinnor, Oxon, or donations if desired to the Desmond Molins Charitable Trust c/o 39 Cloth Fair, London EC1A 7JQ.

NELSON - On Friday September 29th, Jane aged 79, peacefully in Grantham. Widow of Major General Sir John Nelson and loved mother of Jennifer and Sally. Funeral on Thursday October 5th at 12 noon at Burton Coggles Church near Grantham. Enquiries and flowers to David Holland & Son, London Road, Grantham NG31 6HW. Tel (01476) 64979

ROBERTS - On September 29th 1995, peacefully in a nursing home, Monica Lilian aged 84 years, darling sister of Dr. Audrey Roberts. No flowers by her request. Please no letters. All enquiries to H.D.Tribe Ltd., 8 Surrey Street, Littlehampton, West Sussex, tel: (01903) 732986.

ROSS - Bernard aged 91, on 29th September 1995 at St Ann's Hospice, Heald Green, Cheshire. Beloved husband of Beatrice, father of Jeremy, Adrienne, Frances and Hilary and grandfather of Jade, Patrick, Sarah, Erik and Benjamin. Donations if wished to St Ann's Hospice.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

LANGDON - There will be a "Celebration of Life" Memorial Service for Stephen Lewis Langdon, Bencher of the Inner Temple, at the Temple Church on Wednesday 25th October at 5 pm.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

HIGHFIELD - Paul Gregory, ACCA, always in our thoughts and hearts.

STRAUSS - Julius, October 2nd 1986. Remembered every day with deepest love. So sadly missed, especially this year at Jimmy's wedding.

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Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge with me at 4th Floor, St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5DH no later than 12 noon on 16th October 1995 details of the debts they claim to be due to them by the company, together with any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf at the meeting.
26th September 1995
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A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection at the offices of Price Waterhouse, Bridge Gate, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX on 5th and 6th October 1995 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
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OBITUARIES

SIR FRED WARNER

Sir Fred Warner, GCVO, KCMG, Ambassador to Japan, 1972-75, and Conservative MEP, 1979-84, died on September 30 aged 77. He was born on May 2, 1918.



FRED WARNER achieved quiet distinction in three careers: diplomacy, culminating in three years as Ambassador to Japan in the early 1970s; five years of politics in the European Parliament in the early 1980s; and business, with substantial commitments to several major British companies and to the Confederation of British Industry. He brought to all three a lively intelligence and a warm and quizzical personality, and he found great satisfaction in a late marriage and young children.

Frederick Archibald Warner was the son of a West Indian Briton and an American mother. He was educated at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, and at Magdalen College, Oxford. In 1939, at the age of 21, he was swept into the Royal Navy, in which he served throughout the war, and in 1946, at 28, he entered the Foreign Service. Tours of duty in the Foreign Office, Moscow, Rangoon and Athens followed, as Warner climbed the traditional Foreign Service ladder.

This 14-year progress from Third Secretary to Counsellor was punctuated by one event which still has some resonance. In 1951 Warner was employed in the private office of a Foreign Office Minister of State, Hector McNeil. There he was thrown together with another Private Secretary, Guy Burgess, whose treachery and defection to Moscow with another diplomat, Donald Maclean, shattered the complacent calm of the postwar Foreign Service. In the months before his defection, Burgess's behaviour was wildly erratic; the Foreign Service told itself collectively that it, or someone within it, should have taken action sooner; and hindsight — for it was nothing more profound than that — pointed at those close to Burgess, such as Fred Warner.

It was some time after this episode that Warner was transferred to Rangoon. There he discovered in himself a delight in the quiet manners and culture of Burma and its neighbours, and he was pleased that his first appointment as a Counsellor, in 1960, was as head of the South-East Asia Department of the Foreign Office. He stayed there for four years, growing in knowledge and authority about the area. It was natural that there should follow, after a year at the Imperial Defence College, now the Royal College of Defence Studies, appointment as Ambassador to Laos.

It was at the time a sensitive appointment, as Indo-China declined into chaos, and in a short posting Warner made his mark there. But he was destined for higher things, and after short appointments in the British delegation to Nato and in the Foreign Office, he was appointed in 1969 Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

Warner stayed in New York for three years, serving two very different chiefs: Sir Hugh Foot (Lord Caradon) and Sir Colin Crowe. Life in Manhattan and at the United Nations brought out in him the quizzical side of his nature and reinforced his searching interest in human beings. At the same time day-to-day UN business tested his intelligence and his diplomatic skills. He passed with flying colours and in 1972, still only 54, he was promoted and appointed Ambassador to Japan.

He had long seemed an incorrigible bachelor but in 1971 he surprised his friends with marriage. His bride, Mrs Simone Georgina de Ferranti, brought him a young stepdaughter and then presented him with two sons of his own. Before proceeding to Tokyo they went together to the University of Sheffield. There they achieved a working knowledge of Japanese: a not inconsiderable feat for either of them, but particularly noteworthy for a man whose schooldays were nearly forty years behind him.

Warner brought vigour, enjoyment and imagination to his mission in Tokyo at a time when the country was moving rapidly towards the salience it enjoys today. If he did not achieve complete success, it may have been because his unorthodoxy did not sit entirely well with the conventional formality of the Japanese or of their stuffier expectations of a British Ambassador. He had entertained hopes of rounding off his career as Ambassador in Paris or Washington (an echo of his half-American origins) but his friends were not surprised when both these plums went elsewhere. He resigned from the Diplomatic Service in 1975 — there was an immediate effort to get him to change his mind with the offer of a fresh job — mainly because he rightly suspected that it would be easier to start a new career at the age of 57 rather than at 60.

The European Parliament in Strasbourg offered prospects for a man at home with politics, whose diplomatic career, though this was partly through his own choice, had brought him too little to Europe. In 1979, in the first European direct elections, Warner became the Conservative MEP for Somerset, bringing his knowledge of the world, and of the East in particular, to its counsels. The job meant constant travel, and frequent absence from his young family, and after five years he had had enough; but he made a solid contribution to the work of the Parliament in what were, for the British members at least, still its early years.

Retiring from politics in 1984, Warner turned to business. He served for three valuable years as chairman of the overseas committee of the Confederation of British Industry and held directorships in the fields of insurance, chemicals and banking. Between Tokyo and Strasbourg he had discovered the merits of the National Trust, whose interests he continued to promote as chairman of its Wessex division. Throughout a long, third retirement he remained an active, witty, convivial figure — as near to a Renaissance man as a fundamentally starchy institution such as the Foreign Office has managed to produce in recent years.

Warner was promoted KCMG in 1972, at the start of his appointment in Tokyo, and appointed GCVO at its conclusion.

He is survived by his wife, their two sons and a stepdaughter.

COLONEL ERIC HEFFORD

Colonel Eric Hefford, CVO, CBE, DSO, adviser on protocol, died on September 15 aged 81. He was born on October 14, 1913.



THERE was only one course of action for a former colony preparing to make its own way in the world: send for "the colonel". No independence celebrations seemed complete without this bristling former British officer and war veteran. He knew which flags should be flown and anthems played, the right order of precedence at formal banquets, the most appropriate gifts for departing guests and, above all, how to look after visiting "royals".

No officer on retiring from the Army could have wished for a more fascinating second career. Eric Hefford once described himself as a midwife — "always on hand to help with the birth of a new nation". But he might equally have been compared to Jeeves, because he not only knew what was correct but was expert at fixing things when they went wrong.

When one colony was nonplussed on being sent, as its chief guest, the Duke of Gloucester — in place of the expected Prince of Wales — Hefford quietly put a call through to the Palace. With official approval he dubbed the Duke "Prince" in the official programme — and honour was saved.

In another country he was persuaded to pay a "fee" to encourage the official rainmaker to stop work for a day. When this singular form of insurance failed to work (and everyone was soaked) he was calmly assured that he had not paid enough money.

The first celebrations masterminded by Hefford were those in Nigeria 35 years ago, two years after he had retired from the Army. There followed Sierra Leone and Tanzania, Jamaica, Malta, Guyana, Barbados, Mauritius and various islands in the Pacific. At first his reputation grew by word of mouth as one ex-colony after another passed on his name to an expectant neighbour. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office then began to recommend him and even the former Dutch colony of Surinam hired him during the mid 1970s.

Hefford's *modus operandi* was to move in with his small team of secretaries in advance and devote six months to planning the great event. He would even broadcast to the local people advising them on what to expect on Independence Day.

Yet for all this recognition and success, he would probably have preferred to be remembered not so much for his second career as for his first as a regular soldier.

Eric Alfred Hefford was born in the village of Saxilby on the outskirts of Lincoln, the son of an engineer who specialised in insulation and refrigeration. Although Hefford's father was employed by the Kelvinator refrigerator company, he also made his name in the First World War by devising a means of keeping food hot for men in the trenches and later by working on the refrigeration of blood for wartime transfusions.

From childhood the young Hefford aspired to join the Army and on leaving Alleyn's School, Dulwich, he hoped to go to the Royal Military College Sandhurst. He failed the medical, however, on the ground that he had a heart condition — a fear which later turned out to be baseless.

Frustrated, he studied for the Army by correspondence course from home and was eventually accepted for a short service commission in the Lincolnshire Regiment's Supplementary Reserve. He quickly converted this into a regular commission. After serving in Palestine before the war he was sent to France with the British Expeditionary Force in 1939 and was wounded in his leg as the Lincolnshires took heavy casualties during the retreat to Dunkirk.

On recovering, Hefford was given a staff job in Britain and went to the Staff College at Camberley before being posted briefly to the Middle East. From there he moved to Italy where he took command of a battalion of the Sherwood Foresters. Leading his men against a vastly superior force of German armour, Hefford suffered the pain and indignity of being wounded for the second time in almost exactly the same part of his leg, this time more seriously, when he was hit by a machinegun bullet fired from a tank.

Again, however, he made a full recovery and was given command of the 2nd Battalion, The Wiltshire Regiment, with whom he won his DSO at the crossing of the Garigliano River. But shortly after that, the battalion was moved to Palestine for retraining before taking part in the battle for North West Europe.

Hefford spent much of his time after the war on academic courses and staff work. After serving as an instructor at Staff College he attended the Joint Services Staff College at Latimer, Buckinghamshire, then was sent on the United States Army staff course at Leavenworth, followed by the US senior naval officers course at Norfolk, Virginia.

He served in Malta and once more in Palestine before being given command in 1955 of the 4th Malay Regiment, fighting communist guerrillas during the Malayan emergency. His last tour, however, was as chief of staff to the military adviser in Ghana. It was through this West African connection that he developed his second career as an adviser on protocol and was contracted to take on his first assignment in Nigeria.

As a soldier he was a complete professional. While maintaining the highest standards himself, however, he also expected the same from those under him and quickly acquired the reputation of being a strict disciplinarian.

Indeed, he was so much so that he once alarmed his corps commander, Lieutenant-General Sir Bernard Montgomery (as he then was). Monty, not known as a softie, had him moved from his post as adjutant at one point because Hefford's search for efficiency was thought to be too zealous. Off-duty, however, he always relaxed: he was a fine horseman who took up polo while in West Africa and became not only an accomplished player but a respected umpire.

His American wife Pat, whom he met while stationed in the United States, died shortly before he retired from the Army and he is survived by their son.

SUSAN FLEETWOOD

Susan Fleetwood, actress, died of cancer on September 29 aged 51. She was born on September 21, 1944.



WITH her expressive, dark eyes, handsome, mobile face and impeccable vocal delivery, Susan Fleetwood was for more than twenty years a leading figure on the classical English stage. From an early age she displayed such immense maturity that from the outset it was difficult not to think of her in terms of a much older generation of actresses, the Thorndikes and the Ashcrofts. It is astonishing to reflect that her electrifying Regan or her imperious Portia for the Royal Shakespeare Company of the 1960s and 1970s were played when she was still in her twenties. And yet up to thirty years later she was able to replicate girlish self-doubt or *ingénue* bemusement where they were called for in some of her television roles.

Indeed, her dramatic gifts and physical attributes enabled her to translate effortlessly to the small screen. There, she was properly in her element in the heavier kind of drama, though her performance as Kate Phillips in the BBC1 detective series *Chandler & Co*, seen as recently as this year, was an immensely successful feature of the channel's more popular output. To her film roles, too, though they were not numerous, she always brought unforgettable quality.

To the public who did not know her, it would have come as a surprise to learn that this achievement was sustained in parallel with a battle against cancer which had lasted for 11 years. Among her later roles, her Arkadina in Chekhov's *The Seagull* for the Royal Shakespeare Company in 1991, was a triumph of innate accomplishment and sheer courage over the debilitating ravages of the disease.

Susan Maureen Fleetwood was born at St Andrews, the daughter of an RAF officer. Her brother Mick was to become drummer of the band Fleetwood Mac. Since her father chose to keep his children with him while he went on overseas postings, rather than packing them off to boarding school, she had a peripatetic childhood. She spent several years in Egypt in the period before the Suez crisis and then went to Norway where her father had a Nato job. There she had her first taste of drama with the role of Joseph in a school production of the famous Old Testament story.

With a precocious brother and sister, both of whom were interested in the arts in one form or another, she grew up as an articulate child, although the scant formal side of her education left her with reading difficulties that were to haunt her for some years.

When her parents returned to England she chose to help them to renovate the Thames barge they lived in rather than to be sent to school. Broad-mindedly, they seem not to have objected. But the local education authority did, and she was tracked down and hauled off to school.

Since she was apparently incapable of passing her 11-plus, the choice had to be a convent school and it was to the influence of a nun there, who perceived what drama could do for this unconventional child, that Susan Fleetwood ever afterwards attributed her embarking on the right career path.

At 16 she won a scholarship to RADA from where, in 1964, she toured the United States, playing Lady Macbeth and Rosalind in *As You Like It* in Tucson and Phoenix, Arizona. Terry Hands, a contemporary at RADA with whom she was later to live for nine years, played Orlando. When she returned from America she went to Liverpool with a group of actors, which had Hands at the centre of it.

There she became a founder-member of the Everyman Theatre, which had encouragement from Liverpool City Council. It was hard, ill-paid work, but the commitment was unremittingly to serious drama, and this shaped her outlook on what the theatre should be.

This formative experience, which included teaching and performing in local schools, lasted three years. At the end of that period she was offered jobs at both the National and Royal Shakespeare theatres.

She decided to follow Hands to Stratford, and, unlike many young actresses who have to spend an apprenticeship playing soldiers, townsfolk or murderers, soon made her mark. In 1968 her baneful Regan in *King Lear* electrified audiences. Her Cassandra in John Barton's production of *Troilus and Cressida* was also an arresting one.

But, though she became well established at the RSC, she began to appreciate the drawbacks of working for the same company, and in 1970 went touring with the Cambridge Theatre Company. With them she did her first *Seagull* (as Nina), an experience that was to instil into her a love for Chekhov which never left her. She also toured with the Prospect Theatre, as Lady Rodolpha in *The Way of the World* and as Ophelia.

But, as was bound to happen, the RSC could never be far from the centre of her career and she was back at Stratford by 1972, playing Portia opposite Eric Porter's Shylock, the Woman of Canterbury in *Murder in the Cathedral* and a Bondwoman in *The Island of the Mighty* (the production of which so displeased its co-authors John Arden and his wife Margaret D'Arcy that they picketed the Aldwych Theatre and vowed never to write for the stage again).

By now Susan Fleetwood was unassailably established on the classical stage and it was only a question of which roles she would add to her repertoire as the years went on. A notable landmark was her Pegeen Mike in a production of *The Playboy of the Western World* at the Old Vic in 1975. This was the more remarkable in that she was the only English member of an otherwise all-Irish cast.

During the 1980s she became increasingly involved with films, including *Heat and Dust* (1982), a version of Ruth Prawer Jabhvala's novel of India, scripted by the writer herself, and *White Mischief* (1987), an account of the murder of Lord Erroll in Kenya's Happy Valley. But a film which meant a great deal to her was *The Sacrifice* directed in Sweden in 1985 by the Russian director Andrei Tarkovsky. The director, then in exile, was also by then suffering from cancer (he died shortly afterwards) and a close artistic rapport sprang up between him and his leading lady.

Meanwhile, a television career had burgeoned: besides the popular success of *Chandler & Co* there was a recent version of Jane Austen's *Persuasion* and the enigmatic portrayal of the long-suffering Leonora Ashburnham in a fine account of Ford Madox Ford's novel *The Good Soldier* (1981).

But nothing could weaken her allegiance to the stage. As long as she was able, she continued to engage the major classic roles. A delightful Beatrice in the RSC's *Much Ado About Nothing* in 1990 was followed by a remarkable account of Chekhov's Madame Arkadina at the Barbican in the following year, which plumbed all the depths of *The Seagull*'s subtleties. Had illness not cut short her career, Susan Fleetwood clearly had much more to give as she entered maturity. Her death removes one of its most gracious personalities from the English stage.

She never married.

University news

King's College London

Recent research grants include:

Electronic & Electrical Engineering

Dr T G Clarkson, £5,402 Ecu (European Commission (Tempus-Phare)) Structural Joint European Project 1994/95.

Professor A J Rogers, Dr V A Handerek, 361,487 Ecu (European Commission) for a project entitled fibre optics for remote monitoring of structural integrity of elevated temperature insulated systems (FORMS).

Dr V A Handerek, Professor A J Rogers, Mr P J Langlois, £66,736 (EPSRC) for investigation of fast signal processing for distributed optical fibre sensing systems.

General Practice & Primary Care

Dr J Dale, £57,409 (King Edward's Hospital Fund) for evaluation of the nurse-provided telephone advice service.

Haematological Medicine

Dr M Layton, Professor A J Bellingham, £50,000 (James Stewardson Research & Welfare Trust for Children with T.P.I.) for a fellowship entitled Triose phosphate isomerase (TPI) deficiency.

Law

Professor I M Kennedy, £42,000 (City Solicitors' Educational Trust) contribution towards salary of information technology co-ordinator, with responsibility for setting up research database in School of Law.

Professor D J Hayton, £82,500 (Baring Foundation) contribution towards salary of Director for British Institute of Human Rights, and Senior Research Fellow in School of Law.

Life Sciences Division

Dr D H Davies, £59,995 (Wellcome Trust) purchase of a liquid scintillation counter.

Professor D O Hall, £6,500 Ecu (European Commission) for a project on the use of immobilised cyanobacteria for continuous ammonia fertilisation in rice production.

Dr P J Whitfield, £28,500 (Wellcome Trust) to support a studentship on the design, synthesis and testing of anthelmintic compounds.

Dr W P Williams (MARC), £55,455 (Inspectorate of Pollution) to support a project on exposure commitment approach to the derivation of environmental assessment levels: feasibility study.

Medical Engineering & Physics

Dr M Lord, Dr R Luff, Mr R Lewis, £141,702 (South and West Regional Health Authority) to support research on a shell shoe-fitting service for stock orthopaedic shoes.

Medical Unit

Dr P M W Bath, Dr S Williams (Neurology), Professor B S Meldrum (Neurology), £173,264 (MRC) for a project on the effect of nitric oxide donors on experimental stroke.

Professor B M Hendry, £37,424 (MRC) for a project on effects of renal failure on membrane choline transport in neuronal and epithelial cells.

Professor J F Martin, Dr A J de Belder (Fellow), £123,778 (British Heart Foundation) for an intermediate research fellowship on the role of a novel platelet selective nitric oxide donor, S-nitrosoglutathione, in cardiovascular disease.

Dr J D Erusalimsky, Dr I Zachary, £89,208 (British Heart Foundation) for a project on signal transduction mechanisms in megakaryocytopoiesis: role of kinase C & protein tyrosine phosphorylation.

Dr I Zachary, £97,129 (British Heart Foundation) for a project on regulation of p125 focal adhesion kinase in vascular smooth muscle cells.

Dr I Zachary, £234,175 (British Heart Foundation) for a project entitled role of protein tyrosine kinases in the phenotypic transition of vascular smooth muscle cells: regulation of p125 focal adhesion kinase and identification of novel kinases.

Molecular Biology & Biophysics Group

Dr M Peckham, £169,776 (BBSRC) for a project on the role of titin in muscle: a gene targeting approach.

Professor H J Gould, £39,693 (Cancer Research Campaign) for a project on IgE: antibody dependent cellular cytotoxicity in treatment of ovarian carcinoma.

Dr B J Sumin, £39,364 (BBSRC) for a project on development of novel immunoglobulin proteins: X-ray structure of the fab binding domain of protein L.

DRURY-LANE THEATRE

The piece selected for the opening of the season was Home's pathetic tragedy of *Douglas*, a drama distinguished more by gentleness and delicacy of feeling, than vigour of diction, or force and dignity of passion.

The character of young *Norval* was sustained by Mr. Kean, the son of the very eminent tragedian of that name. Various were the puffs published in praise of this young man, but when he last night offered himself to be weighed in the critical balance, he was found wanting.

He bears the name of his father, but he appears to inherit little of his genius. We have heard, and we give credit to the statement, that Kean the elder had provided for his son, by procuring for him an appointment in the East India Company's service. If it be not too late, we should advise the young gentleman to push his fortune in the East; and, if he needs must be theatrical, he may amuse himself on the Chouringhee stage, and on many other stages in India, where amateur performances are greatly admired.

The debutant of last night seems to have emerged from his 18th year. He is rather taller than his father — whom, in his profile, he strongly resembles. His form slight, but well-proportioned — his motion, that of an individual well accustomed to the stage — and his action generally correct. With respect to his voice, and his style of declamation, we can say nothing favourable. The former is weak, unmusical, and puerile; the latter better adapted to the conventicle than to the stage. It is tedious, drawling, and monotonous — such as well-whipped boys occasionally, at Christmas, exhibit before their delighted parents.

ON THIS DAY

October 2, 1827

This notice of the debut of Charles Kean (1811-68) did not deter him. He acquired some proficiency and became popular in the provinces. Between 1863 and 1866 he made a tour of the world with his wife, the actress Ellen Tree. He played Iago to the Othello of his father Edmund on March 25, 1833, when the latter collapsed crying: "I am dying. Speak to them for me."

But his friends appeared to know very little about him or the tragedy: in the early scenes they most vociferously applauded every male performer who appeared, mistaking him for Mr Kean, jun.

In the opening scenes of the tragedy, *Young Norval* is a mere narrator, and we must say that we never heard the address — "My name is *Norval*," or the description, "Beneath a mountain's brow," delivered in a more weak or inefficient manner. Had he been any other than the son of one who has so often, and so entirely gratified the public, by his fine genius, the young gentleman would, most assuredly, have been driven from the boards, with at least as much precipitancy as that with which the American manager has forced him on them. In the discovery scene, where *Norval* learns from his mother that he is descended from a high and noble house there were some points which deserved applause, on the score of imitation, but on no other.

The junior Kean's voice has been described as being precisely similar to that of his father. It is no such thing. It is a sickly imitation of it: and is utterly destitute of the fulness and richness of many of the tones with which Mr. Kean's voice is enriched — tones which will not easily be forgotten by those who have heard his "*vale*" in *Othello* . . .

NEWS

Kohl raises doubts over EMU target

■ British ministers and Conservative MPs welcomed a "new realism" spreading across Europe after Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, conceded that the European single currency could miss its target date of 1999 by two years.

Herr Kohl's remarks, reportedly made to close colleagues and disclosed in *Der Spiegel*, pleased John Major and will raise the hopes of Tory Euro-sceptics that the single currency will be long-delayed and, conceivably, may never happen..... **Pages 1, 14, 20, 21**

Blair in new row with Left

■ Tensions between Tony Blair and the Labour Left rose sharply as the leader prepared for a showdown at the party conference in Brighton over the ditching of Liz Davies as a parliamentary candidate..... **Pages 1, 8, 9, 20, 21**

Britannia Mk II

The Government is expected to agree to a replacement for the Royal Yacht *Britannia*, to be partly funded by the Ministry of Defence as a sail training ship..... **Page 1**

Cantona cheered

Scores of tricolours and French berets brought a flavour of Bastille Day to Old Trafford as footballer Eric Cantona was welcomed back to Manchester United..... **Pages 1, 25, 29**

Actors separate

The diverging careers of Kenneth Branagh and Emma Thompson hurt their marriage long before their separation..... **Page 3**

Rail rethink

The Government has been forced into a rethink of the rail privatisation timetable as fears grow that it may fail to sell a single passenger franchise..... **Page 2**

Lobbying begins

Political lobbyists will be spending an estimated £750,000 in Brighton this week in the belief *that the serious business of influencing* the next Labour government starts now..... **Page 8**

Risky toll

The Government's plans for electronic motorway tolls could provoke motorists into a campaign of civil disobedience on the scale of the poll tax rebellion, a report claimed..... **Page 4**

Call to defy metric

Sir George Gardiner, chairman of the 92 Group of Thatcherite Tory MPs, urged national defiance by the British as metrication came into effect..... **Page 7**

Student revolt

For the first time, half of Britain's undergraduates have opted for a local university and an estimated one in five will live with parents..... **Page 6**

Law lord's claim

Lord Woolf, who complained that some young barristers earned more than his salary of £114,874, has been accused of making misleading statements..... **Page 10**

Abacha's pledge

Nigerian military ruler General Sani Abacha, under international pressure, commuted sentences on alleged coup plotters and announced a return to democracy in three years..... **Page 11**

FBI called in

The FBI is to investigate the death of a Palestinian American who died while being interrogated by *one of Yassir Arafat's secret police* forces..... **Page 12**

Rao accuses US

Indian Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao said the decision of the US Senate to allow the sale of weapons to Pakistan could trigger the first arms race in South Asia since the end of the Cold War..... **Page 15**

Americans touch down in wrong city

■ For American tourists the maxim of "If it's Tuesday, it must be Belgium" took on new meaning when a flight from Detroit to Frankfurt landed in Brussels. The 251 passengers knew they were in the wrong city from watching the electronic map of the flight. "The only people who didn't know where they were, were the three guys up front," an inquiry official said..... **Page 1**

CHRIS HARRIS



Alan Giles, managing director of Waterstones, pops the champagne to celebrate cheaper book prices with the end of the century-old price fixing agreement. Don Woolford, the first customer yesterday at the Notting Hill Gate branch, received a set of books

BUSINESS

Power deal: National Power is about to announce an agreed £2.8 billion takeover of Southern Electric and a hefty sale of power stations to satisfy its regulator's desire for more competition in power generating. The deals are comparable to moves made by rival PowerGen, but bigger..... **Page 48**

Training scheme: The Labour Party has revised its training plans so as to avoid any general levy on employers..... **Page 48**

Auditing firm acts: KPMG, Britain's biggest auditing partnership, is expected to set up a limited company for its big company audit business in the light of the growing tide of lawsuits against auditors across the world..... **Page 48**

FEATURES

City wars: Computer war games developed in the Cold War are being adapted by businesses in the City to identify security weaknesses..... **Page 18**

Secrets of life: As scientists learn more about the structure of proteins they are discovering how to design drugs for treating life-threatening diseases..... **Page 18**

Cultural revolutions: Francis Fukuyama, whose *The End of History* started a philosophical debate five years ago, is having second thoughts..... **Page 19**

EDUCATION

Independent education: The Headmasters' Conference has a few unexpected items haunting the agenda..... **Page 41**

More than a beautiful face: Rufus Sewell's raven curls and strong cheekbones have made him the handsome hero of *Arcadia* and *Middlemarch*. Now the actor is looking forward to being done over by the police in his new play, *Rat in the Skull*..... **Page 16**

Tricky question: Showing African art in the West raises complex moral and political questions: who holds the rights to Africa's heritage?..... **Page 16**

Final premiere: The London Symphony Orchestra gives the first British performance of Olivier Messiaen's final work; while the Vienna Philharmonic plays Richard Strauss and Sir Simon Rattle begins his first Beethoven cycle..... **Page 17**

Boxing: Naseem Ahmed, from Sheffield, won the WBO feather-weight title with a dazzling display..... **Page 37**

Motor Racing: Michael Schumacher, the world champion, has virtually secured the 1995 Formula One title..... **Page 27**

Golf: Bernhard Langer captured the European Open Championship in Dublin, winning at the second extra hole after finishing on 280 with Barry Lane..... **Page 26**

Triathlon: Simon Lessing became Great Britain's first long-distance world champion when he triumphed in Nice..... **Page 38**

Equestrianism: The Horse of the Year Show at Wembley is accused of lacking genuine appeal for the non-horsey set..... **Page 31**

Racing: The Derby winner, Lammtarra, ridden by Frankie Dettori, won the Forte Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp, by threequarters of a length from Freedom Cry..... **Pages 32, 33**

THE TIMES ITF INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ **FIRST WINNER**
The Times Interactive Team Football announces the winner of its first manager of the month prize

■ **PLUS ...**
Libby Purves, writer, broadcaster and *Times* Tuesday columnist



After a shaky summer, America's relations with China are getting back on track. The Clinton Administration managed to stabilise them without yielding principles
—The New York Times

It was a better week than usual for American foreign policy ... the Administration also held steady in respect to Russia in the Balkans
—The Washington Post

Preview: A couple set out to find a suitable nanny, with no idea it would be so difficult. *Cutting Edge* (Channel 4, 9pm). **Review:** Lynne Truss on bitter-sweet love in a Glasgow tenement. *Ruffian Hearts* (BBC2)..... **Page 47**

Death of an emu

A stable, co-operative and prosperous Europe must now be built without a single currency; otherwise it will not be built at all..... **Page 21**

Labour tomorrow

So far, Labour philosophy has been a list of lacunae and unrelated policies..... **Page 21**

Forward into the past

The practicalities of space travel, with its infinite expanses and expenses, are going to remain theories of science fiction for our lifetimes..... **Page 21**

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

As a columnist, I do not see myself as being in the infallibility business, but in the business of exploration. Today, I want to ask 36 questions about the European single currency..... **Page 20**

PETER RIDDELL

Something will go wrong at Labour's conference: it always does. But after some unfavourable headlines, it usually makes no lasting difference. What matters is the extent to which Mr Blair can show that his party is with him, rather than merely behind him, in his "new Labour" crusade..... **Page 20**

MATTHEW PARRIS

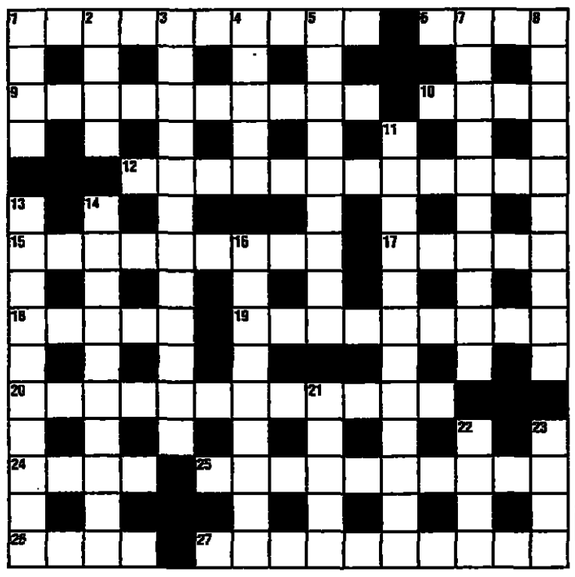
Mrs Wright has been excellent company, her good humour faltering only at the discovery that she had forgotten to put a film in the camera..... **Page 20**

Sir Fred Warner, former Ambassador to Japan and Conservative MEP; **Susan Fleetwood**, actress; **Colonel Eric Hefford**, adviser on protocol..... **Page 23**

Treatment of mentally ill under community care; exits and entrances at the Globe; and metrication..... **Page 21**

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20 Trouble's building up, admits copper, and is leading to disorder (12).
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25 Sent crazy by other claims on your attention? (10).
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1 Bird that may be all black? (4).
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14 For clever people, cunning cartoons miss nothing (10).
16 Twist or bust, I've to be forward-looking (9).
21 One of those pieces of eight (5).
22 A case of pins and needles (4).
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KNOCKANDO

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,974 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a fine leather credit card wallet.

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Manston, Kent, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Tiree, Hebrides, 0.94in; highest sunshine: Bournemouth, 9.2hr.

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FORECASTS

☐ **General:** Much of England and Wales will start dry and sunny, but showers in the west will spread inland during the morning. The showers will be heavier in the north and west, where a longer spell of rain is possible during the evening. Southern and eastern areas will see scattered showers and sunny intervals.

Northern Ireland and western Scotland will start showery, but the blustery showers could merge into longer spells of rain during the afternoon. Eastern Scotland will see some early sunshine before the showers push in during the morning.

☐ **London, SE, Cent S, E England, Midlands, E Anglia:** Clear or sunny spells, scattered showers. Wind southwest moderate. Max 18C (64F).

☐ ***Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:*** Clear or sunny intervals and showers. Wind southwest moderate to fresh. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland:** Bright with showers, heavy at times. Wind southwest fresh, occasionally strong. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Central N, NE England, Borders:** Clear or sunny intervals and showers. Wind southwest fresh. Max 16C (61F).

☐ ***Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth,*** Sunny at first, showers later, heavy at times. Wind southwest fresh occasionally strong. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Argyll, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland:** Showers or longer spells of rain. Wind southwest fresh to strong. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday:** Unsettled, with blustery showers and longer spells of rain.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

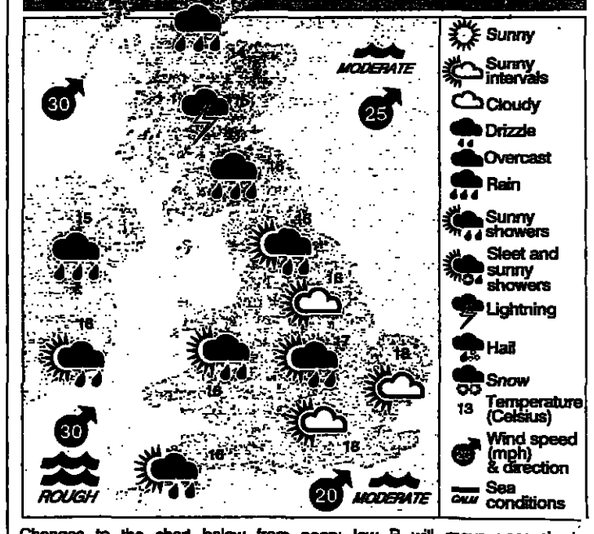
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	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.0	0.60	14	57	sh	Littlehmptn	6.3	0.08	20	68	b
Anglesey	7.8	0.15	16	61	s	Liverpool	7.6	0.10	15	59	sh
Aspatria	4.9	0.20	15	59	sh	London	7.8	0.08	20	68	s
Aviemore	1.2	0.24	13	55	sh	Lowestoft	6.0	0.12	19	66	sh
Belfast	6.5	0.15	15	59	s	Manchester	6.0	0.09	17	63	sh
Birmingham	8.5	0.02	18	64	sh	Margate	5.8	0.08	21	70	s
Bognor R	6.9	0.08	20	68	b	Minehead	6.4	-	18	64	s
Bournem'th	9.2	0.04	20	68	s	Morecambe	X				
Bristol	7.9	0.08	17	63	s	Newcastle	X				
Buxton	7.1	0.19	14	57	s	Newquay	6.6	0.07	17	63	s
Cardiff	7.8	0.09	17	63	s	Norwich	6.7	0.10	19	66	s
Clacton	X					Nottingham	X				
Cleethorpes	X					Oxford	7.9	0.05	19	66	b
Colwyn Bay	8.6	0.03	17	63	s	Penzance	X	0.08	18	64	s
Cromer	6.9	0.09	19	66	s	Plymouth	X				
Doncaster	X					Poole	7.5	0.01	21	70	s
Dunbar	X					Prestatyn	X	0.08	16	61	s
Eastbourne	5.0	0.14	18	64	s	Ross-o-wye	7.6	0.04	18	64	s
Edinburgh	X	0.19	15	59	sh	Ryde	6.7	0.08	20	68	s
Eskdalemuir	1.5	0.53	12	54	sh	Scilcombe	6.7	0.04	18	64	s
Exmouth	6.9		19	66	s	Sandown	7.4	0.13	19	66	s
Falmouth	8.6	0.05	19	66	s	Saundrs Snd	6.3	0.10	17	63	s
Fishguard	7.1	0.06	15	59	s	Scarboro'	6.4	0.09	17	63	b
Folkestone	4.9	0.14	20	68	b	Shanklin	7.6	0.22	18	64	s
Glasgow	4.0	0.54	14	57	sh	Shrewsbury	7.1	0.06	16	61	s
Guernsey	6.8	0.09	18	64	s	Skegness	X				
Hastings	5.0	0.18	19	66	s	Southend	5.5	0.09	20	68	b
Hayling L	6.7	0.05	19	66	s	Southport	7.3	0.13	16	61	s
Herne Bay	5.2	0.05	20	68	b	Southsea	6.6	0.03	19	66	s
Hove	6.1	0.04	19	66	s	Stornoway	2.1	0.72	12	54	sh
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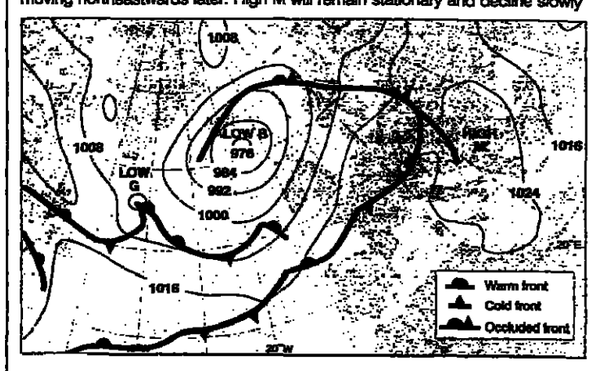
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Toronto	19	66	s
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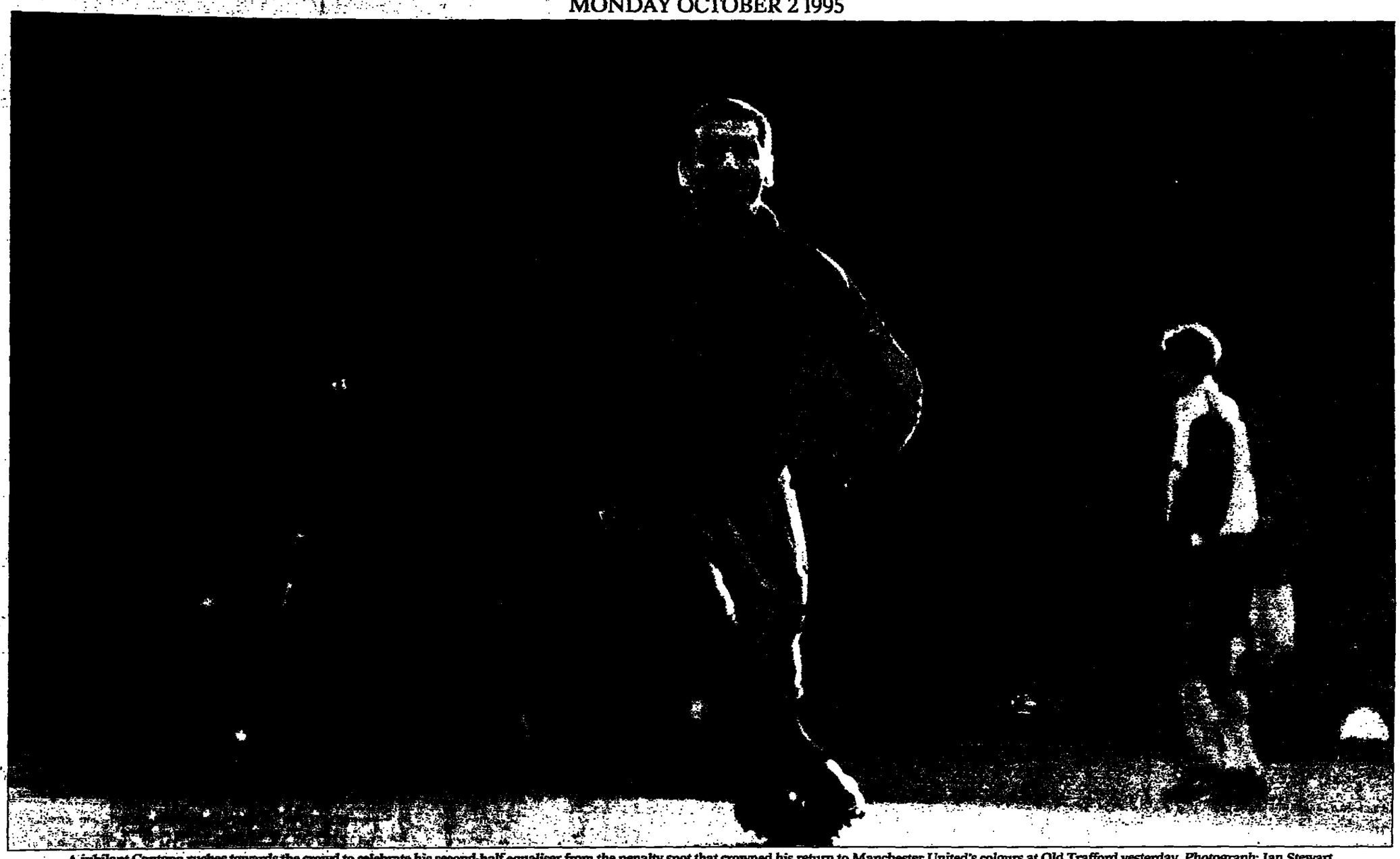
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A jubilant Cantona rushes towards the crowd to celebrate his second-half equaliser from the penalty spot that crowned his return to Manchester United's colours at Old Trafford yesterday. *Photograph: Ian Stewart*

United's prodigal son denies Liverpool on his return

Cantona basks in spotlight

Manchester United 2
Liverpool 2

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE *Tricolours* flew in their thousands, Eric Cantona returned to make and then score a goal . . . and yet *Old Trafford ultimately* had to concede that football remains a team game and that when opposition, more polished in their passing, control the rhythm and flow, a 2-2 final score represents an escape more than a justification for such high and seething sentiment.

Yes, Eric came out of purdah — but Robbie Fowler, both precocious and predatory, scored the two most handsome goals yesterday afternoon. "You wait on nature's mischief," Shakespeare wrote *in Macbeth*, but mischief breaks in all corners of a football contest and not necessarily where all the hype and expectation had been placed.

"Welcome to Old Trafford," the electronic scoreboard read as Cantona strutted out with his team of extras. As the players lined up on the centre circle, they held a banner of their own. Part of the campaign to kick racism out of sport, its slogan read: "Respect all fans."

The supporters and the players had they been together in the first place, it might never have come to this. Cantona might never have kicked so high and we would have been drawn to this northern version of footballing war simply by the fact that, over 126 league meetings, Liverpool stand on 44 wins against United's 43. The clubs are that close and the watching Newcastle United players, four points ahead in the FA Carling Premiership, were delighted by the draw.

Delight! It erupted around the stadium after exactly 67 seconds. That was the first touch from Cantona. He burst down the left, the vision and awareness alert, and, when he crossed, missing out Cole, there beyond the far post was young Butt. He appeared surprised, almost startled, to find himself sneaking in behind Babb, yet, with considerable skill, juggled with the ball, flicked it up and lifted it over the goalkeeper, James. It was not an extraordinary cross, but it had an extraordinary effect and Cantona accepted the congratulations as if this were footballing justice.

Yet there was no justice for Liverpool, if they were looking for an even break from penalty decisions. As they, playing in bottle green, began to take over the midfield with the fluency of their passing, it looked very much a penalty when Fowler proved too quick for Bruce. As the ageing United captain grappled at his shirt, down went the impudent Fowler. No penalty, asserted the referee, David Elleray, positioned five yards away.

Instead of a fury, the Liverpool players tried to impose calm. They were without John Barnes, missing for "domestic reasons", and they left out Stan Collymore, at £8.5 million the centre forward coveted by United before he instead joined Liverpool. Just after the half-hour, Fowler demonstrated why he, for the moment, has precedence. United had threatened in a breakaway, but then Liverpool promptly swept downfield, from James to McManaman and then to Fowler. Advancing down the left, far too quick for Gary Neville, he spotted Schmeichel coming off the goalline. In less time than it takes to call his name, Fowler then shot with his left foot. The angle, the power and the surprise comprehensively beat Schmeichel at his near post.

The equaliser emphasised the imbalance in United's team. Though Butt had shown enterprise in getting forward for his goal, he had no idea of how to play on the right of midfield and he left the defence exposed. Recognising this, conceding Liverpool's technical superiority, the United manager, Alex Ferguson, rearranged the entire team at half-time. He brought on Beckham for Butt, Philip Neville went to the right of midfield and he used a 3-5-2 formation, with Gary Neville the third centre back and Cantona pushed forward from his lurking midfield role to a more adventurous second striking position.

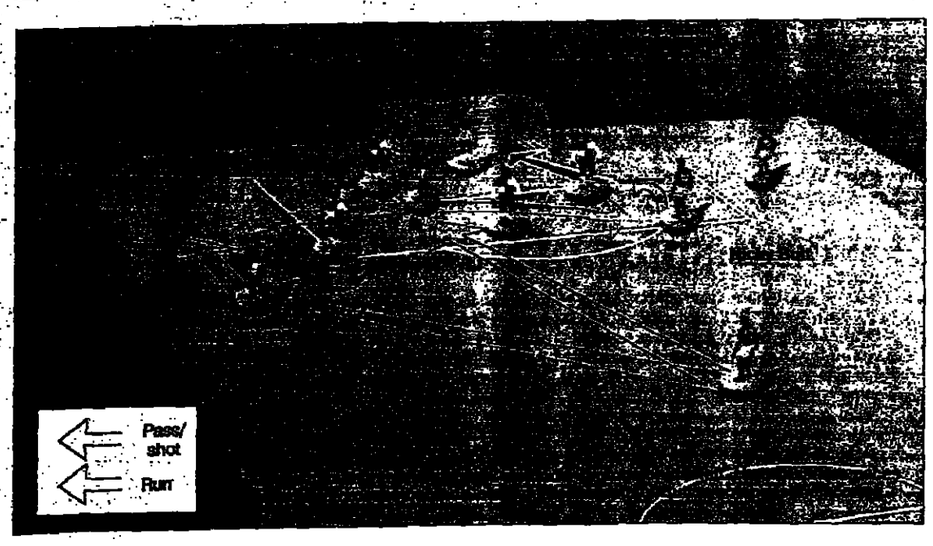
Liverpool serenely ignored it. Fowler, in particular, would not let the new defence settle and, in the 52nd minute, running on to a superb through ball from Thomas, he shouldered Gary Neville off the ball and chipped the ball wide of the advancing Schmeichel. After scoring four goals against Bolton Wanderers a week ago, Fowler now has 57 goals in 102 Liverpool games, a pedigree that may yet mature for England at senior level.

But whose day was this, anyway? Cantona began to show more than the occasional, measured, sweet pass. Just after the hour, exchanging the ball twice with Beckham, he turned and shot across the face of goal. Then, with an even sharper turn, he struck a volley into the ample backside of Ruddock. Then, attempting to be provider, he chipped over a ball that Cole bicycle-kicked narrowly wide.

If it is the sense of injustice that really fires up Cantona, he does not mind when the pendulum swings his way — as it did in the 69th minute, when Ellery, from almost the same part of the penalty area that he denied a penalty to Liverpool, now awarded one to the home team. Cantona inevitably had stroked the ball through, Giggs tried to outpace Redknapp, there was contact, but the award looked harsh, even harsher the yellow card for Redknapp.

Never mind. What else had 34,934 people congregated together for than for their maestro to step coolly forward, swipe the ball arrogantly into the net from the penalty spot and run in joyful ecstasy towards the spectators? "Ooh aah, Eric Cantona": they are probably still singing it.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-5-1): P Schmeichel — G Neville, S Bruce, G Pallister, P Neville (sub: P Scholes, 72min) — N Butt (sub: D Beckham, 42), R Keane, L Sharpe, E Cantona, R Giggs — A Cole.
LIVERPOOL (3-4-3): D James — J Scales, N Ruddock, P Babb — J McAteer, M Thomas, J Redknapp, S Harkness — S McManaman, R Fowler, I Rush.
Referee: D Elleray.



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Compulsory viewing for soft southerners



MATTHEW BOND

TV ACTION REPLAY

CONFUSED about rugby league? Uncertain whether the Super League is for you? Unaware that a World Cup gets under way this Saturday at Wembley?

If the answer to any of the above is yes, then I recommend you spend 50 minutes in the company of Michael Parkinson on BBC2 on Thursday as he presents *100 Years of Rugby League*. For soft southerners like myself, it should be compulsory viewing.

Parkinson's documentary began life as a simple and slightly sentimental celebration of the centenary of the meeting at the George Hotel, Huddersfield, at which 22 northern rugby union clubs took the momentous decision to financially compensate their players for taking half a day off work.

At this point its content looked predictable — lots of brass band music, some grainy black and white reminders of old favourites playing in front of 100,000 crowds and the compulsory appearance by Colin Welland, whose hope that the south of England would one day embrace his beloved game has so far proved as wide of the mark as his prediction that the British would take over Hollywood.

But during the making of the documentary, two crucial things happened. First, Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation did a multimillion-pound deal with the Rugby Football League to turn the British game into a summer sport and form the Super League. Second, the Rugby Football Union decided that its players could become full-time professionals.

Helped by contributions from Geoffrey Moorhouse, league historian; Maurice Lindsay, the league's chief executive, and former players of the amateur and professional games such as Cliff Morgan and Alex Murphy, Parkinson shows just how close the two codes, bitter enemies for a century, have now become. But the well-balanced programme also shows what a gulf still remains. I do not wish to steal too much of its thought-provoking thunder (watch out for an extraordinary attack on the late Eddie Waring), but let me leave you with one thought. Can you imagine the Princess of Wales being linked with Shaun Edwards?

Coverage of the game in its present form is shared between Sky Sports and BBC. Sky shows two matches a week (one live, one delayed) from the Stones Bitter Championship, while the BBC has the Halifax World Cup, the Silk Cut Challenge Cup and the Regal Trophy.

Sky's last live match ahead of a four-week break for the World Cup was on Friday and unfortunately Halifax versus Castleford was just the sort of game that could take the Super out of Super League and Eddie Hemmings and Mike Stephenson did not pretend otherwise.

Rarely have I heard commentators put a referee under the cosh as these two did. In the mid-week magazine programme that they host, *Boots 'N' All*, it is the articulate Stephenson, a member of the last Britain team to win the World Cup back in 1972, who does most of the straight-talking. But for the live game, the two men (whose commentary double act is reminiscent of American football commentary teams) took turns to make their displeasure clear with an official who awarded 11 penalties in the first 26 minutes. It was a refreshing approach that was clearly designed to curry favour with their television audience.

There should be no such problems for Ray French and his colleagues in the BBC commentary box on Saturday, as the Halifax World Cup finally gives viewers of *Grandstand* some decent live sport to watch. Apart from the opening match betwen England and Australia, which many expect to be a rehearsal for the final, the BBC plans to show both semi-finals and the final live, together with highlights of England's other games against Fiji and South Africa. Wales's qualifying games will be shown on S4C, while BBC North will show special highlights of the three other qualifying games taking place in the game's northern heartland. Sounds like us soft southerners are missing out.

German follows Ryder Cup triumph with European Open play-off victory

Relentless Langer edges out Lane to reign in Europe

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

TWO of Europe's Ryder Cup golfers, whose deeds had been so enthralling in Rochester, New York, eight days ago dominated the closing moments of the Smurfit European Open at the K club, 20 miles south west of Dublin, yesterday afternoon. Bernhard Langer sank a huge putt on the last green that was to be good enough to get him into a play-off with Barry Lane — and then holed another long putt to beat Lane at the second extra hole.

It was Langer's third win of the season and he looked as elated at the end as he had been over Europe's victory at Oak Hill a week earlier. Langer likes Ireland. He has won three Irish Opens as well. His 68 was the lowest round of a windy, stormy day and gave him a 72-hole aggregate of 280, eight under par.

Minutes earlier Colin Montgomerie had concluded a satisfactory week's work with a round of 70 to finish five under par. This was good enough for him to share third place and thus regain the leadership of the Order of Merit that he had surrendered to Sam Torrance when Torrance won the British Masters at Collingtree two weeks ago.

Montgomerie now leads Torrance by £980 with two tournaments remaining and the two of them will fly off to Berlin later this week to resume their personal battle for supremacy in Europe.

"I am very tired," Montgomerie said. "I came here to make inroads into the £29,000 I am behind Sam and I came here to make it easier at the German Masters and the Volvo Masters [the two remaining events]. I have done that and I am happy. It was a good performance."

The way the weather turned on the last day made it look as though the meteorological gods were wanting Langer to win. When the wind rises, the temperature drops, the greens spike up and any number of adverse conditions are present, and then Langer above all others can be relied on to do well simply because he does now allow himself to be worn down by these vicissitudes. He just gets on with the job in hand in his own time and at his own pace.

And autumn certainly arrived with an Irish roar at Straffan, dousing the competitors in golden sunshine, fierce, drumming rain interspersed with a slight drizzle and light and heavy winds. The course, already one of the most difficult on the European Tour, was transformed into a raging giant and the problems it posed were too demanding for some players. Montgomerie, Costantino Rocca, Andrew Coltart and Peter Teravainen recorded 70s, while nine men, including David Gilford, were 80 or worse.

But Lane just kept on playing the accurate golf he had demonstrated all week. He looked cool and calm and his face rarely showed any emotion. He is a good golfer and just how good was brought home by some of the low boring iron shots he struck into the wind that was in his face on the the tenth, eleventh and twelth and fourteenth, for example.

Lane held a one-stroke lead after the twelth and widened it when he holed a 15-foot putt on the fifteenth. As he played the seventeenth he heard a tremendous roar from the eighteenth. Langer had sunk an enormous putt, one even longer than Rocca's at the Open, to move to eight under par.

Langer was so excited, he looked as though he had won the Open. He threw his arms in the air and ran around the green punching the air. "If you can't show emotion when you've holed a 70-footer, when can you?" Langer said. Lane needed a birdie to win but after an enormous drive that left him using only a seven iron to the green, his 15-foot putt for victory curled tantalisingly around the hole. His 71, his fourth under par round of the week, tied him at eight under par with Langer.

The two men halved the eighteenth, the first extra hole, in birdies and then Langer rammed in a putt of 20 feet for a birdie on the tenth, the second extra hole. At that moment of victory it was hard to remember that after Thursday's first round, in which Langer had taken a two over par 74, there was talk that he might miss the cut. But that's Langer for you, a man who never gives up.

□ Kent-born Denise Booker, from Australia, shot a closing-round 70 to win the Italian Open in Sicily yesterday and become the fifth first-time winner on the American Express Tour this season.

Booker, 23, finished one stroke clear of Spain's Amaia Arruti, the 1992 champion, whose chances of regaining the title disappeared when she took three putts on the final green.

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Lane plays an iron shot during his final round of 71 before losing in a play-off

Courier proves too strong for Rusedski

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

JIM COURIER eased past Greg Rusedski, the British No 1, in the semi-finals of the Swiss Open in Basle. In the other semi-final, Boris Becker withdrew because of an injury, allowing Jan Siemerink, of Holland, a clear run to the final.

Courier, of the United States, ranked No 9 in the world, rarely looked threatened in beating Rusedski 6-4, 6-4.

Becker didn't even set foot on court. A back injury which forced him to pull out of the Davis Cup semi-final against Russia last weekend was aggravated in a three-set marathon against Stefan Edberg and a doubles match on the indoor court on Friday.

"I strained something in my back and couldn't move afterward," Becker said. "There was just no point in attempting to play the semi-final."

For the organisers, celebrating the 25th anniversary of the tournament, the loss of the star attraction was a blow.

"In 25 years of the Swiss Open, something like this has never happened before," Roger Brennwald, the tournament director, said. "It's especially disappointing because it is a jubilee year."

Courier is now odds-on favourite to win the title — which would be the eighteenth of his career. He has won three times so far this year.

The American's experience showed as he dispensed with Rusedski in 76 minutes. He broke the Briton's service game at 1-0 in the first set and 3-2 in the second set.

Siemerink is ranked No 24 on the ATP Tour. He has won one tournament in his career, in Singapore four years ago. He has advanced to a final twice this year, in Amsterdam and Long Island.

□ Colin Beecher, of Kent, won his first title of the year by beating Ivo Heuberger, from Switzerland, 6-3, 6-4 in the men's singles final at the LTA autumn satellite event at Telford yesterday. Amanda Hopmans, of Holland, beat Claire Taylor, of Oxfordshire, in the women's final.

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Newlove looks good for England

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BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

DOUBTS about the future of Paul Newlove at Bradford did not obscure his timely return to form and fitness yesterday ahead of England's opening Halifax World Cup match with Australia at Wembley on Saturday.

Bradford have reluctantly admitted that they are now open to offers for the international centre, who emphasised the value placed on him by both club — £750,000 — and country with a hat-trick of tries in only his fourth appearance of the season.

Australia's defence will not be as generous as was the pale imitation offered by Sheffield yesterday, but Newlove's first score saw the man at his very best. From 30 yards, Aston was left groping thin air. So too were Sodje and Banquet as the centre breezed over for a try that effectively settled a generally woebegone Stones Championship encounter midway through the first half.

That try, and the way Newlove had set up Scales for the first of Bradford's seven touch-downs, will have convinced Phil Larder that he can tick his name off the casualty list. The England coach knows the side he wants for Wembley, but Gary Connolly, of Wigan, spent the weekend in hospital with pneumonia, and his team-mate, Martin Offiah, has had a leg muscle injury.

The most intriguing of Larder's announcements on Wednesday will concern the identity of Newlove's centre partner. Kris Radlinski, 19, is a narrow favourite.

Newlove, signed from Featherstone for a club record of £245,000 in 1993, has been unsettled at Odsal since Peter Fox, his mentor, was dismissed as coach at the end of last season. His transfer request was initially refused but Newlove rejected an improved contract last week.

Chris Caisley, the Bradford chairman, said that if Newlove, who is contracted for another three years, was to go, it would be on the club's terms. "Paul has told us he wants to leave, and, if there is a sensational offer for him, then, yes, every player has his price," he said.

Bradford's first home win under Brian Smith, Fox's Australian successor, against the bottom club, owed much to the tactical astuteness of Deryck Fox at scrum half. On three occasions he put boot to ball to produce second-half tries.

Hesitation under the high ball in a swirling wind cost Bradford one of the four tries they conceded. Ellis failed to judge Aston's bomb and the ball bounced into the arms of the grateful Senior.

There was an awful end-of-term feel to much of the game, with the domestic season shutting down for the four weeks of the World Cup. Both sides were sloppy in defence. After an eighth defeat in nine games, Sheffield are glad to reach the break knowing that there is no relegation.

□ Stuart Cummings, the Widnes referee, will take charge of the opening World Cup match between England and Australia on Saturday.

SCORERS: Bradford: Tries: Newlove (3), Scales, Fox, Paul, Hall. Goals: Fox (3). Sheffield: Tries: Carr (2), Senior. Sodje
BRADFORD BULLS: S Ellis, G Cordle, C Hall, P Newlove, J Scales, R Paul sub: B McDermott, 68min), D Fox, A Ireland (sub: E Bourneville, 15), J Donohue, J Hamer, P Dixon, A Boothroyd (sub: K Fairbank, 59), P Medley (sub: N Summers, 46).
SHEFFIELD EAGLES: F Banquet (sub: D Mycoe, 40), B Sodje, L Scott, K Senior, R Picksley (sub: R Armswood, 67); D Lawford, M Aston, P Broadbent, J Lawless, S Whakarau (sub: A N Other, 40, B Briers, 74), I Hughes, P Carr, M Cook.
Referee: C Morris

Leeds sign off with display of power play

LEEDS prepared for the World Cup break by staying on the heels of Wigan, the leaders, at the top of the Stones Championship with a 43-14 away victory at injury-hit Oldham. They ran in seven tries, with Kevin Iro, the New Zealand centre, warming up for the World Cup battles by producing a devastating display of running. Though he scored only once, he had a hand in several other tries. Neil Harman, Gary Schofield, Richie Eyres, Craig Innes and Jim Fallon also crossed the Oldham line as the home side's courageous challenge faded.

Paul Hauff grabbed four tries to take his tally to six in two games as London Broncos continued their unexpected revival with a crushing 44-6 home defeat of Workington. The free-scoring full-back followed up his two tries on his debut against Sheffield Eagles last weekend to help the Broncos to their third win in four Stones Championship matches. Terry Matterson, another forward signed from Brisbane by the Broncos, celebrated his debut — and appointment as captain — with a try and six goals.

In the first division, Keighley lost their 100 per cent winning record when they were held 16-16 at third-placed Widnes. Keighley, who have not won a league game at Naughton Park for 37 years, were denied victory by an injury-time penalty from Paul Gartland. They stay top, however, a point ahead of Salford, who gained a 38-22 victory over Hull.

Four new faces join New Zealand squad

THE New Zealand rugby union selectors have named four new caps and left out seven of their World Cup squad in a 26-man squad to tour Italy and France. New players Justin Marshall and Ofisa Tonu'r are included at scrum half, while Taine Randell and Todd Blackadder are named in the forwards. The selectors, Laurie Mains, Earle Kirton and Ross Cooper, retain 19 of the 26-strong squad that competed in the World Cup in South Africa.

The seven missing are backs Marc Ellis and Ant Strachan, scrum-half Graeme Bachop and forwards Paul Henderson, Kevin Schuler, Mike Brewer and Jamie Joseph. Brewer has retired from international rugby while Schuler and Bachop are in Japan. Strachan and Joseph are on their way there, while Ellis has not signed a contract with the New Zealand Rugby Football Union and is tipped to join the Auckland Warriors rugby league team. The veteran Henderson was overlooked by selectors. There were recalls for North Harbour loose forward Liam Barry, after two years in the wilderness, and Auckland's experienced Michael Jones, who missed the World Cup because he refuses to play in Sunday matches for religious reasons.

Radcliffe edged out

ATHLETICS: Sinead Delahunty, of Ireland, won the women's title at the Fifth Avenue Mile road race in New York ahead of Paula Radcliffe, of Britain. Delahunty tucked herself in behind Radcliffe at the halfway point and traded places for the last 200 metres before sprinting to the tape in 4min 25.2sec, with Radcliffe second in 4min 25.8sec.

In the men's race, British runners occupied three of the top ten places behind Isaac Viciosa, of Spain who clocked 3min 47.8sec — just outside the record of 3min 47.58sec set by the American, Sydney Maree, in 1981. Anthony Whiteman finished fourth in 3min 53.5sec ahead of sixth-placed John Mayock (3:54.4) and Gary Lough (3:55.1), who was eighth.

Huber walks to title



TENNIS: Anke Huber, right, of Germany, won the Leipzig women's singles title without going on court or hitting a shot yesterday. Her opponent in the final, Magdalena Maleeva, of Bulgaria, was forced to withdraw from the tournament because of a stomach virus. Huber collected £52,650 and claimed her first title of the year just by showing up. "I feel especially bad for the spectators," the world No 10 said.

Borders ready to enlist

RUGBY LEAGUE: A new rugby league team could be operating in the south of Scotland next year. A Borders consortium has already met the Rugby Football League to finalise their application to play in the second division next March for the first season of summer rugby.

"We are keen to encourage league in the Borders and there is scope for other clubs to join us," said a league spokesman, Neil Tunnicliffe. The team, the Border Reivers, would play at Gala Fairydean's ground at Netherdale.

BFL advance in cup

TABLE TENNIS: A 24-hour journey from the front by two Bosnian soldiers failed to prevent the British League champions, BFL Grove, from reaching the second round of the European Cup yesterday. The Market Drayton club beat Tuzla 4-0 in a match moved to Zagreb, a switch which required Alic Anes and Damur Fazlic to travel by car, sometimes driving without lights, to the Croatian capital. The English club, including internationals Alan Cooke and Chris Oldfield, won all the matches in straight games.

Basingstoke begin well

ICE HOCKEY: Basingstoke Bison started their premier division campaign with the biggest surprise of the season so far, a 6-1 win over the unbeaten Durham Wasps. Without a game for the past fortnight, the Wasps were rusty, but did not help their cause by having two players ejected. There was also a surprise at Milton Keynes, where the Kings came back from 6-1 down to convert their scoring potential with a 17-8 win over Fife Flyers while Nottingham Panthers gained their expected win over Slough Jets by 11-6.

Sussex go for Haynes



CRICKET: Desmond Haynes, right, the former West Indies and Middlesex opening batsmen, has been approached to become the new coach of Sussex, in succession to Norman Gifford, who resigned in July after some disappointing results. Haynes, who is in dispute with the West Indies Board of Control, over his failure to win selection for the series against Australia, feels his playing career is at an end.

Vials and Giles triumph

YACHTING: Westerly 45-knot winds blasting across Poole Harbour yesterday provided a testing finale to the MDL 405 Junior Sailing Championship. Graham Vials and Jo Giles, two 15-year-olds who had already shone in the lighter conditions on Saturday, held off Liam Murray and Sarah Ayton to take the title by winning four of the nine races. Tim Boon and Magnus Leask were third after faltering in the last heavy-weather race, when they were unable to take advantage of Murray and Ayton's forced retirement.

Norman left behind

Golf: Greg Norman's return after five weeks away from the rigours of tournament play is unlikely to end in victory at the Buick Open at the Pine Mountain course in Georgia. The world No 1, from Australia, was six shots behind the leaders, Fred Funk and Steve Stricker, both of the United States, after the third round. Funk and Stricker were locked together on 205, 11 under par, with five more American players — John Morse, Loren Roberts, Kirk Triplett, Larry Nelson and Jeff Sluman — one stroke further back.

Singles title for Duff

BOWLS: Hugh Duff, of Scotland, won the Saga international singles championship, and the first prize of £10,000, at the Preston Guild Hall yesterday, beating Ian Schuback, of Australia 2-7, 7-3, 7-4, 7-1, in 2½ hours. Duff, the 1988 world champion has regained the form he showed that year at Alexandra Palace, with metronomic drawing to the jack and cool response to pressure. Both semi-finals were over in four sets, with Duff beating Paul Conlan, the Scottish champion, and Schuback beating Graham Robertson.

Hill accepts the inevitable after German's bold victory in European Grand Prix

Schumacher drives to verge of world title

FROM OLIVER HOLT AT NÜRBURGRING

DAMON HILL conceded the Formula One motor racing world drivers' championship to Michael Schumacher yesterday with a wave and a thumbs-up sign. After the German's daring, dashing win in front of a capacity home crowd in the European Grand Prix here, and his bitter rival's premature exit, the Year of the Feud is over now, save for the mathematical niceties.

In a race full of action, Schumacher threw caution to the wind in the closing stages of the 67-lap contest and risked everything to pass the Ferrari of Jean Alesi two laps from the end to take the lead. Their wheels touched as they entered the chicane but Schumacher stuck to his outside line and emerged with his nose in front.

By then, Hill could only watch and admire. His chances of victory disappeared on the 40th lap, when he tried to overtake Alesi and lost his front wing in the process. Hill rejoined the race in fourth place after a pitstop to repair the damage but spun off seven laps from the end. He was helped behind the fencing, nursing a pair of aching knees, but emerged back onto the side of the track to applaud Schumacher's moment of triumph.

Schumacher now leads the race for the title by 27 points with three races to go. Even if Hill wins the Pacific Grand Prix in Aida, Japan, in three weeks' time, the reigning world champion will only need to finish fourth to secure a second successive title. The grands prix at Suzuka and Adelaide should be academic.

"I am not going to be world champion this year," Hill said. "But I will be back. I am very disappointed but I did everything I could. I don't feel I disgraced myself in any way. The thumbs-up sign was me conceding the championship. It is only a mathematical fight now.

"I can still put up a bloody good fight between now and the end of the year, and I would like to win the last three races. But, today, Michael drove a great race and won again. Hats off to the guy, he's a very good racing driver. I went off at the end because I was pushing hard. I wanted to win. Second was not good enough."

The best race of even this exceptional season redeemed a weekend that had been distinguished only by the appalling weather and the whiff of Formula One's first drugs scandal. Two drivers, Rubens Barrichello of Jordan, and Max Papis, of Footwork, said they feared they had fallen foul of the banned drugs list by taking cold remedies containing ethedrine and phenylphedrine respectively. They are unlikely to be punished because the drugs in question were taken innocently and could not improve the performance of a grand prix driver.

Hill, who was also tested last Friday, faced an uphill struggle in yesterday's race from the moment that he lost second place to Schumacher as they went in to the first corner pursuing David Coulthard, whose move to McLaren next year was confirmed by the team yesterday morning. Coulthard, though, was forced to drive the spare car after sliding off the track on the way to the grid and soon dropped out of contention for the lead.

The race became a battle of two brilliant wet-weather drivers. Alesi, starting from sixth place on the grid, gambled on a bold strategy of making only one pitstop and running on slick tyres on a damp track. When Schumacher, Hill and then Coulthard all made their first stops within the first 12 laps, Alesi raced into the lead. As Hill and Schumacher became locked in a fierce battle for third place, Alesi drove away into the distance. By the halfway stage, he had built a lead of 40 seconds over the world champion.

But, after he made his only stop on the 34th lap, the track began to dry and his strategy told against him as his tyres lost their grip. However, after Schumacher made his third stop, with 16 laps to go, he emerged more than 22 seconds behind the Frenchman and thought the race was lost. But he began scything into Alesi's advantage and charged for the chequered flag. His margin of victory was 2.6 seconds.

"I asked myself after my last pitstop whether I wanted to stay in second or fight for the win," Schumacher said. "I was so strongly pushed by my fans that I really wanted to give them a victory. I knew Damon was already out of the race and that, even if I did not finish, I would still have a 17-point lead going into the last three races, so I went for it."



Schumacher, in the Benetton-Renault, edges past Alesi's Ferrari to take the lead as they negotiate the chicane with two laps left in the European Grand Prix yesterday

NÜRBURGRING DETAILS

RESULT (67 laps, 3.5.252 kilometres): 1, M Schumacher (Ger), Benetton, 1hr 38min 59.044sec (average speed 183.180kph); 2, J Alesi (Fr) Ferrari, at 02.684sec; 3, D Coulthard (GB) Williams, at 35.382; 4, R Barrichello (Br) Jordan, one lap; 5, J Herbert (GB) Benetton, one lap; 6, E Irvine (GB) Jordan, one lap; 7, M Brundle (GB) Ligier, one lap; 8, M Hakkinen (Fin) McLaren, two laps; 9, P Lamy (Por) Minardi, three laps; 10, M Salo (Fin) Tyrrell, three laps; 11, L Badoer (It) Minardi, three laps; 12, M Pepa (It) Footwork, three laps; 13, P Diniz (Br) Forti, five laps; 14, G Tarquini (It) Tyrrell, six laps; 15, J-D Deletraz (Switz) Pacific, seven laps. Did not finish: 16, D Hill (GB) Williams, 58 laps completed; 17, A Montermini (It) Pacific, 45; 18, J-C Boullion (Fr) Sauber, 44; 19, G Berger (Austria) Ferrari, 40; 20, R Moreno (Br) Forti, 22; 21, H-H Frentzen (Ger) Sauber, 17; 22, O Panis (Fr) Ligier, 14; 23, M Blundell (GB) McLaren, 14. Did not start (failed to complete lap). 24, T Inoue (Japan) Footwork. Fastest lap: Schumacher, 1min 21.180sec (202.039kph).

WORLD DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP (after 14 races): 1, Schumacher, 82pts; 2, Hill, 55; 3, Coulthard, 43; equal 4, Herbert and Alesi, 40; 6, Berger, 28; 7, Frentzen, 15; equal 8, Hakkinen, Barrichello, Blundell and Panis, 10; equal 12, Brundle and Irvine, 7; 14, Boullion, 3; 15, Salo, 2; equal 16, Morbadelli and Suzuki, 1.

CONSTRUCTORS' CHAMPIONSHIP: 1, Benetton, 112; 2, Williams, 92; 3, Ferrari 68; 4, McLaren 21; equal 5, Sauber and Jordan, 18; 7, Ligier, 16; 8, Tyrrell, 2; 9, Footwork, 1.

☐ Benetton deducted ten points and Williams six points for fuel irregularities

REMAINING GRANDS PRIX: Oct 22: Pacific (Aida, Japan). Oct 29: Japanese (Suzuka). Nov 12: Australian (Adelaide).

Australia fall to Germany in penalty shoot-out

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN IN BERLIN

THE seventeenth Champions Trophy hockey tournament ended here yesterday in triumph for Germany, who beat Australia on penalty strokes after the final was tied at 2-2. It was Germany's sixth success in the competition, which puts them level with Australia.

The Germans conceded their first goal of the tournament when Matthew Smith scored for Australia in the 27th minute. But the home side scored twice in the first five minutes of the second half through Bellenbaum and Bechmann. Late in the game Australia put pressure on the German defence and Mark Hager scored the equaliser off the rebound from a short corner.

In the penalty shoot-out, Davies missed and the Germans took advantage, winning the barrage, 4-2.

The bronze medal went to Pakistan who defeated Holland 2-1. Van Wijk scored for Holland in the second minute and Pakistan replied with goals by Naveed Alam from a short corner in the first half and Mohammad Nadeem, a substitute forward.

The art of hitting the ball on the reverse, the equivalent of the backhand in tennis, was demonstrated by Mark Pearn in the fifth place play-off against India. In the 48th minute he startled everybody with such a shot to level the score at 2-2. In the penalty shoot out India prevailed 6-5.

In the match India scored in the eighth minute through Mukesh Kumar. England capitalised on their first penalty corner in the 12th minute with Giles coming in from the bench to score his first goal of the tournament. India regained the lead in the 42nd minute when Anil Aldrin converted a short corner and then came Pearn's superb equalising stroke.

England could take some pride in drawing 1-1 with Australia on Saturday — Hall equalising after Carruthers had scored for Australia from a short corner in the first half.

ENGLAND: S Mason; J Haig, J Wyatt, G Fordham, Kabir Takher, S Hazell (capt&art), C Mayer, J Lee, N Thompson, D Hall, B Sharpe. Subs used: M Pearn, C Giles

INDIA: E Aboysur, Anil Aldrin, Rajnish Mishra, Harpreet Singh, Sandeep Somesh, Shaleesh Ahmed (capt&art), Mukesh Kumar, Riaz Nabi, Dharraj Pillay, E Mascarenaje, G Ferrara.

Umpires: C Sebrechi (Germany), P Elders (Holland).

King paves way for British win

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN PRATONI DEL VIVARO, ITALY

THE Great Britain three-day event team held off the challenge from New Zealand to win the gold medal in a thrilling finish to the Open European championship here yesterday. The victory, which follows the team's world championship success last year, is the fourteenth gold for Britain since the European championships began in 1953.

Mary King, the pathfinder for the team, took the individual bronze medal after a superb display on King William. Lucy Thompson, the former British rider who led the competition from the start, hung on to her lead in a nerve-racking final showjumping round on Welton Romance to become the first Irish winner since Eddie Boylan on Durlas Eile in 1957.

Marie-Christine Duroy, who was left out of the French team when her top horse Summersong was injured, won the individual silver medal on her "second" horse Ut du Placineau. The French finished third in the Open championships, but took the silver ahead of Ireland in the European medal table.

In an event which produced several notable feats of horsemanship, few were finer than Britain's William Fox-Pitt who finished in sixth place on the eight-year-old Cosmopolitan. Brought into the Frizzell-sponsored team at the last moment, Fox-Pitt, 26, conjured two faultless performances from his inexperienced horse to underpin the British success.

At the start of the showjumping, Britain had an 18-point lead over New Zealand. Ireland moved up into third place after two of the Australian horses were not presented at the final inspection.

Despite this advantage the British were anything but complacent. King William, a famously poor showjumper, has never incurred fewer than 20 faults in this phase at his last three Badmintons. Charlotte Bathe, whose run-out at fence 23 on the cross-country marred an otherwise faultless performance from The Cool Customer, did not help morale when she hit two fences. But Nigel Taylor, competing for Britain as an individual, rode a clear round on The Frenchman to complete his exemplary championship debut.

Kristina Gifford, who had helped Britain to forge ahead on Saturday with a superb clear round on Midnight Blue, just clipped fence ten, incurring five penalties — and some time. Her mistake was matched by one from New Zealand's Blyth Tait on Chesterfield.

But clear rounds from Andrew Nicholson on Two Timer and Mark Todd — whose riding of Kayem has been a highlight of these championships — kept the pressure on King, the last but one to go.

With his supporters barely able to watch, King William completed the first half of the course clear. At fence nine, the treble, he hit the second two elements. The remaining three fences stayed in place and King, although slipping to the bronze medal position individually, knew the team gold was assured and raised her hand in triumph.

It was into this highly-charged atmosphere that Thompson, competing in her first senior championship, found herself. Welton Romance, a horse formerly ridden by Britain's Ginny Elliott, had, in the words of Wolfgang Feld, the technical delegate, "made the cross-country look like a Pony Club course."

The mare is not a noted showjumper and at fence five it missed its stride and crashed through. In a remarkable display of sang-froid, Thompson, knowing she could not afford another mistake, completed without error to give Ireland a gloriously unexpected second European Champion.

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Britain's European gold medal-winners, from left, Charlotte Bathe, Kristina Gifford, William Fox-Pitt and Mary King

Great Britain embarks on tough task

BY MIKE ROSEWELL ROWING CORRESPONDENT

ASSESSMENT trials will be held later this month to identify new talent among men rowers, Sean Bowden, coach to the Olympic-qualified Great Britain eight has revealed, claiming that he needs "more hard, tough-nosed characters in the boat."

Five British men's crews have already qualified for the 1996 Games, but Brian Armstrong, the International Rowing manager, is not easing the pressure. Eighteen established athletes, including Matthew Pinsent, left for a training camp on the Atlanta Olympic course at the weekend. Four more, including Steve Redgrave and the Searle Brothers, follow this week.

The moves were revealed on Saturday, as Armstrong was congratulated at the Amateur Rowing Association council meeting, after a summer in which British teams won ten championship medals including six in the World Senior Championships in Finland, finishing fourth of the 56 nations entered.

Women, however, have not fared so well. Guin Batten, the sculler, is the only Briton with Olympic qualification to date. The women's eight, stroked by Guin's sister, Miriam, finished seventh in Finland, missing direct qualification by one place, but Armstrong is doubtful that the squad has the depth to achieve one of the two remaining slots. He is, however, "confident that we could get a winning pair into the Olympics," an event where five late qualifying places remain.

In the weekend's events, Guy Pooley, who failed to gain rowing selection for Finland, reappeared at the 280-boat Wallingford Sculls and won the singles title for the fourth successive year. He was followed home by the Norwegian junior international, Tom Westerling.

Oxford's Boat Race hopefuls appeared in force and won five divisions, Robert Clegg, the new president, earning victory in the doubles.

Nomo puts Dodgers on road to play-offs

THE Japanese pitcher, Hideo Nomo, struck out 11 batters in eight innings and Los Angeles Dodgers took their first Major League Baseball play-off berth since 1988 by winning in San Diego, California, on Saturday.

Nomo, in his first US season, paced the Dodgers to a 7-2 triumph over San Diego.

Nomo rose to 13-6 and escaped a bases-loaded situation in the sixth inning to secure a triumph that manager Tommy Lasorda called the biggest of his career.

"He was outstanding," Lasorda said of Nomo, who looks set to start game three of their first-round playoff series. "He won my 1,500th game for me, he won this one which was bigger than all the rest."

The Dodgers assured themselves of the National League West division crown when Raul Mondesi, suffering with an injured knee and carried off on a stretcher 24 hours earlier, smacked a two-run home run in the seventh inning to break a 1-1 deadlock.

"This was the hard part for us," Mondesi said. "It feels good. We're going to celebrate for a little while. But this is where it all begins now."

Mike Piazza added a two-run homer in the eighth while Dave Hansen and Brett Butler knocked home runs in the ninth inning to seal the outcome.

"Nomo and Mondesi set the tone for the whole ball club," Piazza said. "They gave Nomo the game ball and he deserved it."

The race for the NL "wild card" playoff berth moved into the final games of the season after Colorado beat San Francisco 9-3 and Houston edged Chicago 9-8.

Colorado, in only their third season, will advance with a victory or Houston loss. Should the Rockies lose and Houston also win, a one-game playoff at Denver would decide which club makes the playoffs.

Champions Slough fail to make their mark

BY ALEX RAMSAY

IT MAY be only the second week of the hockey season, but Slough are learning fast in the women's national league. What they are learning is how to cope with defeat.

Never before have the champions opened their account with two losses, and defeat is something that the team refuses to accept as a possibility when it takes the field. To lose to Hightown last week was understandable — the Liverpool side are always tough opposition — but to lose to Clifton at home yesterday was a new experience.

Clifton may never have featured in the chase for the championship, but they ignored the difference in reputations as Ros Gollop put them ahead after 13 minutes. However, it seemed as if normal service had been resumed when Lesley Hobley levelled the score from a penalty corner, but that was not accounting for Lucy Culliford, who grabbed the winner after 63 minutes.

That leaves Slough at the bottom with Bracknell and Doncaster, while Clifton are enjoying the limelight in second place, splitting Ipswich and Hightown, the more usual contenders.

Hightown continued their sharp start with a 2-1 win over Leicester. They beat not only their opponents but also the fierce conditions as Tina Cullen and Yana Williams provided the goals after Kim Gordon had put Leicester ahead at the start of the second half.

Ipswich kept ahead to lead the table on goal difference, beating Doncaster 2-1. Jane Smith scored, diving to deflect in a cross to put Ipswich ahead in the second half. Debbie Rawlinson made it two ten minutes later with a penalty stroke. Mandy Sowerby gained some revenge in the dying minutes, scoring Doncaster's first goal in the premier division.

Chelsea's celebrated import takes charge as Arsenal fail to unlock skills of Bergkamp

Gullit dominates contest between Dutch masters

Chelsea 1
Arsenal 0

By David Miller

IT WOULD be too much to expect Bruce Rioch to change, within weeks, the habits of a team for years moulded by George Graham. He has not. In a match which a dozen or so visiting Dutch journalists found hard to recognise as the game they know, Chelsea weathered a formless, often nasty first half to emerge as deserving winners, thus ending Arsenal's unbeaten FA Carling Premiership run.

In the contest between rival Holland internationals, Gullit, after a first half best forgotten, wholly overshadowed Bergkamp, who suffered throughout from the fact that neither Parlour nor Jensen in central midfield, nor Dixon and Winterburn, full backs masquerading as midfield players, have yet learnt how and when to pass to his feet.

For Rioch then to critise Martin Bodenham, the referee — wretchedly incompetent though he was, and arguably responsible by neglect for some of the later player petulance — seemed particularly inappropriate. There are moments when Arsenal appear to have converted football into a branch of the martial arts, using every limb and joint to dispossess the opposition by means that rampantly flout the laws.

As a player, Rioch was himself a hard man, though his Bolton Wanderers team were not noted for intimidation. He should, I think, be less concerned with Arsenal's first loss of the season than with the meanness of spirit and the collective failure, as yet, to release the skills of Bergkamp. And with the spitting. I counted seven of his players spitting, less out of biological necessity than gesture. If Pavarotti does not find it necessary to spit on stage, why do they?

It may, of course, have been out of frustration at the inadequacies of Bodenham. In the tenth minute alone, he indulgently took no action, not even a quiet verbal aside, for four obvious, consecutive fouls. It was inevitable that ill-temper, and abuse, would escalate.

Ultimately, Bodenham found himself having to take six names, five of them Arsenal players, and to send off Spackman, the Chelsea midfield player, for punching Keown, who needed treatment before also being booked for pulling Spackman's shirt and being immediately substituted by Linighan. Bodenham seems quite unaware, for instance, that one can illegally impede an opponent as much with chest or hip as with arm or leg.

Back-heel the ball away at a free kick, on the other hand, as Bergkamp did in frustration, and that is instantly bookable. Bodenham's relationship with realities seemed as distant as a meter maid's from a Formula One grand prix. When Hughes blatantly elbowed Bould ... no action.

The first memorable, coherent move came only three minutes before half-time. Bergkamp and Wright, who often threatened to light a fuse for each other, combined cleverly and Kharine had to save from Wright low to his left.

Six minutes into the second half, Winterburn fouled Peacock to the right of the penalty area. From Wise's free kick, Gullit rose to head against the inside of Seaman's right-hand post, after which a corner was conceded on Arsenal's left flank. Wise's kick was back-headed on the near post, Furlong took a swipe from beyond the far post, the ball was blocked and Hughes drove in the rebound with characteristic force. Almost immediately, at the other end, Bergkamp nodded sideways to open a half-chance for Wright, but he shot weakly.

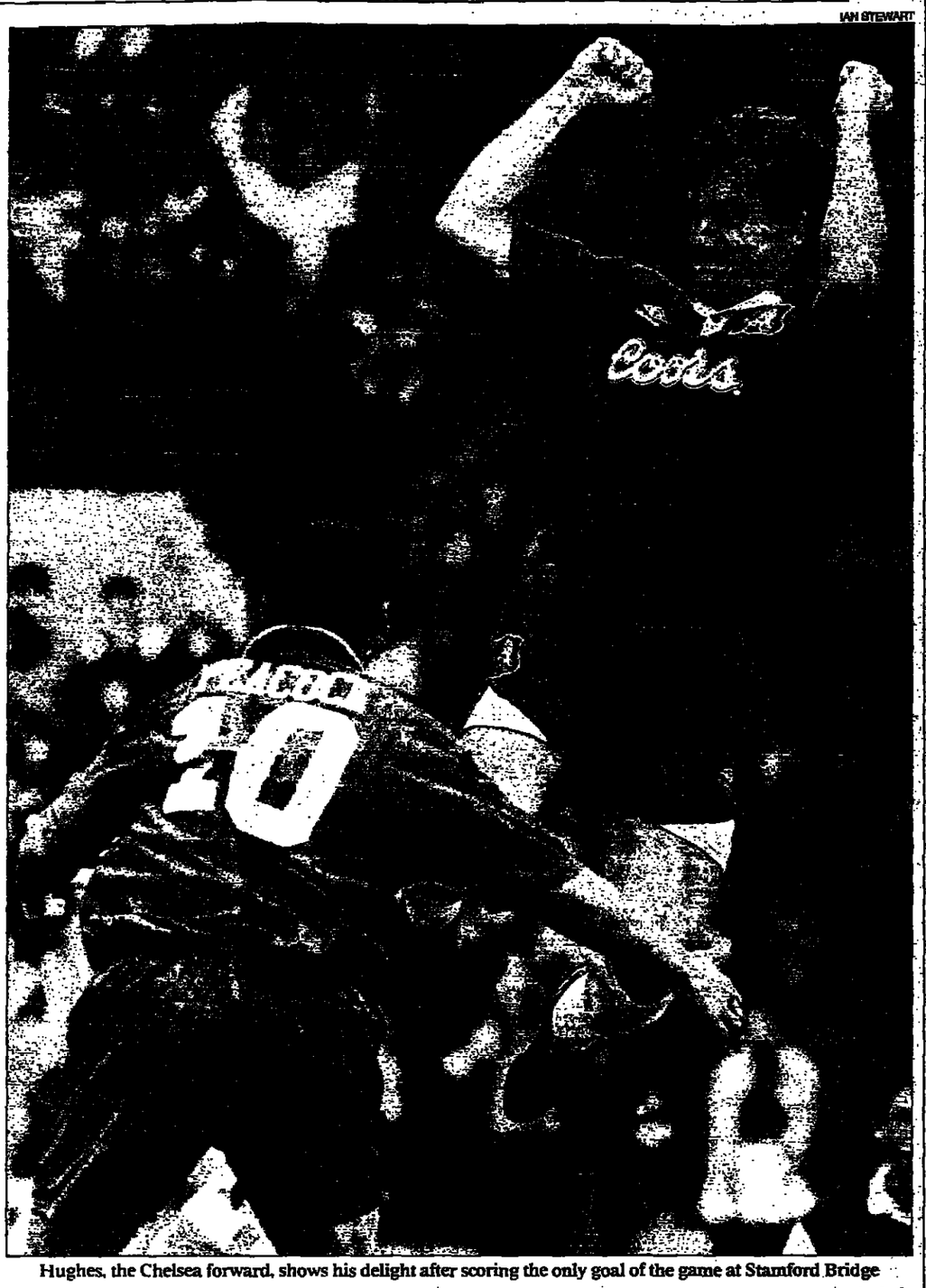
The tactical interest of the afternoon was that both teams were playing with sweepers, Gullit and Adams respectively behind Johnsen and Sinclair, Bould and Keown. Gullit, a master of ball control, was unsurprisingly the superior, and in the second half increasingly began to unhinge Arsenal as he came forward in brief bursts to supplement the attack.

With Arsenal becoming less accurate in midfield, Wise, Spackman, Peacock and Myers achieved a grip on the match that they were unlikely to relinquish. Bergkamp, robbing Sinclair of the ball but shooting wide, and Helder, substitute for Jensen and seizing on an error by Sinclair, might have levelled the score, though that would seriously have flattered Arsenal.

Yet the combination of Wright and the £7.5 million Bergkamp will clearly cause danger to many defences in the months ahead, much more so, I suspect, than Hughes and Furlong. Arsenal's midfield players should be sent on a crash-course studying videos of Bergkamp at his peak with Ajax and Holland. Come to think of it, that would benefit most of the players in the Premiership.

CHELSEA (1-3-4-2): D Kharine — R Gullit — C Burley, F Sinclair, E Johnsen — G Peacock (sub: E Newton, 82min), D Wise, N Spackman, A Myers — M Hughes, P Furlong.
ARSENAL (1-2-5-2): D Seaman — A Adams — M Keown (sub: A Linighan, 65), S Bould — L Dixon, P Merson, J Jensen (sub, G Helder, 72), R Parlour, N Winterburn — I Wright, D Bergkamp
Referee: M Bodenham

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IAN STEWART
Hughes, the Chelsea forward, shows his delight after scoring the only goal of the game at Stamford Bridge

Coventry discover practice makes imperfect

Coventry City 0
Aston Villa 3

By Russell Kempson

PICK a tactic and practise it in training, over and over again: hone it to perfection and then prepare to perform it on the big day. Approaching kick-off, play it through the mind one last time before going out and showing how effective it can be. Simple, really — or so Ron Atkinson, the Coventry City manager, believed last week.

Most best-laid plans can come a cropper, often spectacularly, but when the match has barely started? When many supporters are still finding their seats, and when the team that had practised, over and over again, had not even touched the ball? Atkinson's glittering career has suffered many humbling experiences, but, at Highfield Road on Saturday, it tested sorely even his famed jocularity.

Aston Villa, Atkinson's former club, went ahead after 13 seconds — equalling the quickest goal in the FA Carling Premiership, scored by Chris Sutton, of Blackburn Rovers, against Everton in April. Townsend tapped the ball to Milosevic; Milosevic fed Draper; Draper picked out Taylor; Taylor, after three touches, crossed to Yorke; Yorke headed past Filan. Easy, so easy. Five movements, incisive and unchallenged, had consigned Atkinson's strategy to the bin.

"We'd done a whole week of defensive work, a whole week," he lamented, amid a massive sense of humour failure. "And then we concede a goal like that. After only a few seconds. It was stupid, just stupid. I couldn't believe it."

Atkinson's presence at the post-match press conference lasted not much longer than it had taken to pierce his slumbering defence. He sought solace, intellectual and otherwise, from the many friends and former colleagues who had made the short hop over from Villa Park. He did stay long enough, however, to add that Bosnich, the Villa goalkeeper, had had to make several fine saves, that there were a number of pleasing aspects to Coventry's display and that the scoreline had flattered a team that still included five players he had nurtured. He was right on every count.

Having been suckered so early, Coventry could have collapsed. That they did not owed much to the aggression of Telfer, the persistence of Hall and the marvellous thrusts of Ndlovu. Considering that the central third of the pitch was frequently clogged with ten players, it was a curiously open and invigorating spectacle.

Bosnich was indeed inspired, particularly in the first half, when he clawed away efforts from Pickering, Telfer, Ndlovu and Salako. Villa had their chances, too, notably failing to Milosevic and Draper, while Ehiogu was fortunate to escape with only a caution after hauling down Ndlovu in mid-flight.

Yet Villa always appeared able to retaliate or resist, whichever was more appropriate, and Milosevic's two late goals, expertly converted, eased them home. For Coventry, it is back to the training ground. To practise and practise and ...

COVENTRY CITY (3-5-2): J Filan — S Borrows, D Burrows, P Williams — A Pickering (sub: G Strachan, 72min), P Telfer, K Richardson, Isaias, M Hall — J Salako, P Ndlovu.
ASTON VILLA (3-5-2): M Bosnich — U Ehiogu, S Staunton, G Southgate — G Charles, I Taylor, M Draper, A Townsend, A Wright — D Yorke, S Milosevic.
Referee: A Wilkie.

☐ Coventry could face an investigation by the Football Association after a coin was allegedly thrown at Bosnich. Alan Wilkie, the referee, said that he would include the incident in his match report.

Slick Barmby highlights Blackburn's deficiencies


Barmby: impressive

Middlesbrough 2
Blackburn Rovers 0

By Ivo Tennant

THERE were those at the start of the season who reckoned that Middlesbrough were ripe for relegation; the same misguided speculators, perhaps, who felt that Blackburn Rovers might become champions of Europe. As was evident on Saturday, only one of these clubs has risen above its station.

Blackburn's difficulties can be seen in two ways. One, the viewpoint of Jan Aage Fjortoft, the forward whose countrymen so embarrassed Blackburn in Norway last week, is that they, and indeed England, should not flirt with a foreign style of football.

"Blackburn played the long ball last year and won the Premiership," the Middlesbrough forward said in highly articulate English. "It can be quite effective if mixed with shorter passing. English football is better than you in England think is the case. I am not here to tell anybody how to perform but if you go out and play with heart and strength, you will have success in the European championship."

There is another standpoint, one that carries more credibility. "Where is the skill, where is George Best?" the part-timers of Rosenborg, of Trondheim, asked of Blackburn last week. It was a rhetorical question, one that might have been delivered with even greater damnation if they had appreciated that Ray Harford once managed Wimbledon.

So, no Best, but there is at least one player who will concern the Norwegians during the forthcoming European championship. Nick Barmby will, according to Fjortoft, be "a sensation". Harford put this match into perspective when he was asked if he was impressed with Middlesbrough. "Not particularly,", he said in a gravelly voice, "but I was very impressed with Barmby."

Fjortoft regards Barmby's potential "as enormous as the fee on his shoulder". To judge by Middlesbrough's second goal, which Barmby made for Hignett with the most precise pass, the two forwards already have a telling understanding. Fjortoft began the move with as deft a back-heel as will be seen from a gawky forward.

Barmby had given Middlesbrough the lead a minute before half-time, finishing a sweeping move at full stretch in the penalty area. By the end of the match, he was being manhandled by Blackburn's central defence in a way that suggested he will be in need of some watchful refereeing in the years to come.

In the programme, Bryan Robson, Middlesbrough's player-manager, stated that the British footballer he would most like to have in his team would be Alan Shearer. It seemed on Saturday as if he has the player every manager now treasures. Harford, by contrast, freely admits that he is in need of new players.

There is something wrong with his tactics, too, for Blackburn have lost all four away matches in the Premiership to opponents — Sheffield Wednesday, Bolton Wanderers, Liverpool and Middlesbrough — who favoured a three-man central defence.

So they lack players, tactics, form, ability to adapt their game in Europe, and, of course, Kenny Dalglish. It does not bode well.

MIDDLESBROUGH (5-3-2-1): G Walsh — N Cox, N Pearson, S Vickers, D Whyte, C Morris — J Pollock, R Mustoe — C Hignett, N Barmby — J A Fjortoft.
BLACKBURN ROVERS (3-5-2): T Flowers — J Pearce, C Sutton, C Hendry — J Kenna, T Sherwood, D Batty, M Holmes (sub: P Warhurst, 64min), H Berg — M Newell, A Shearer
Referee: P Alcock.

City's slide leaves Ball speechless

Nottingham Forest 3
Manchester City 0

By Richard Hobson

FOR someone who, on the eve of this game, was claiming that his job was the envy of millions, Alan Ball cut a sombre figure as he marched from the dressing-room to the team coach after Manchester City's seventh successive FA Carling Premiership defeat.

The manager reacted to this latest setback — the margin of Forest's win could easily have been doubled — by refusing to hold a press conference for the first time since his appointment and by muttering darkly about the way his words had been twisted in recent weeks. Unfortunately for Ball, however, there are certain facts that brook no misinterpretation.

A return of one point from a possible 24 is the worst start in City's history and leaves them at the bottom of the table, with Manchester United, Liverpool and Leeds United as their next opponents.

Even before Ian Brightwell's sending-off in the fortieth minute, for kicking the ball away less than a minute after his first bookable offence, City had been unable to match the organisation, technique, fluency and movement of Nottingham Forest, who stretched their own unbeaten run in the Premiership to 21 matches.

Such form reflects creditably on their manager, Frank Clark, who feels for Ball. "In a lot of ways he's in a similar position to me when I replaced Brian Clough and had to get rid of the doom and gloom about the place," he said. "But at least we were in the first division, so it made things a bit easier. In the Premiership the standard is far higher and when you inherit problems you can't always solve them in a few games."

Two years ago, Clark responded to relegation under Clough by signing Stan Collymore. How Ball could use a striker of such merit now. Other than a shot from the substitute, Summerbee, which hit a post, City never appeared capable of breaching a defence superbly marshalled by Pearce. Mysteriously, against a side perceived as vulnerable in the air, Quinn remained on the substitutes' bench.

As a final, unhappy irony, City found themselves undone by a man called Lee. Not Francis, their chairman, who has so far avoided the wrath of supporters, but the dreadlocked Jason, who scored in the tenth and 46th minutes to crown his energetic Uefa Cup performance four days earlier.

Stone added a third goal eight minutes from time in a match which, despite eight bookings on top of Brightwell's dismissal, rarely provoked much passion. It was too one-sided for that.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-4-2): M Crossley — D Lyttle, S Chettle, C Cooper, S Pearce — S Stone, C Bart-Williams, L Bohinen (sub: S Gemmill, 84min), I Wren — J Lee, B Roy (sub: A Silenzi, 84).
MANCHESTER CITY (4-4-2): E Immel — I Brightwell, K Curle, K Symons, J Foster — M Brown, S Lomas, G Kinkladze, P Beagrie — U Rosler, G Creaney (sub: N Summerbee, 52).
Referee: M Reed.

Yeboah's artistry comes shining through

Leeds United 2
Sheffield Wednesday 0

By Peter Ball

ALAN BALL is not the only manager in the FA Carling Premiership to have inherited a big club with big problems. Sheffield Wednesday's problems may pale beside those of Manchester City, but, if their supine performance at Elland Road on Saturday is any guide, David Pleat, too, is facing a long, hard season.

Judging a team on one performance can be misleading, and Pleat conceded that it was their "most passive" display of the season. Leeds United, too, until they were lifted by another spectacular goal from Yeboah, were awful, the first 35 sterile minutes making Blackburn Rovers' efforts in Norway look imaginative and purposeful by comparison.

But Leeds had a long injury list as an excuse, and they at least responded to the impetus that Yeboah gave them. They are still a side who prefer power to subtlety, but with Kelly as the spare man among three centre halves, they improved from mediocrity to competence as they came to terms with the new formation, and, particularly after the arrival of Brian Deane, they had some good moments.

Wednesday, by contrast, responded to adversity with a metaphorical shrug of the shoulders and went through the motions. David Hirst was sent off for using foul or abusive language after a free kick had been awarded against him — his only moment of animation in the match.

If anything, they did better with ten men. "It didn't hurt us as much as I expected," Pleat said. "We kept our spirit going." Spirit? Howard Wilkinson denied them any consolation from that, blaming instead his team for becoming self-indulgent.

At least the self-indulgence brought some incidents to savour. Yeboah hit a post with another thudding drive; Deane had one effort blocked on the line and another, a spectacular volley, ruled out for offside, and set up the second goal for Speed. By the end the entertainment had just passed muster — thanks once again to Yeboah, whose latest effort, while not as immediately spectacular as those against Liverpool and Wimbledon, was equally admirable.

After receiving a short pass from Palmer near the touchline, Yeboah looked up, sidestepped an attempted tackle, accelerated between two more Wednesday defenders, evaded Waddle and fired a stunning low shot past Pressman.

Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, strikes gold when he moves into the European markets — and Yeboah's temperament is as placid as Cantona's is volatile. "They tell me he [Yeboah] doesn't do much in training, but he's got a secret — he's a very laid-back player when he's out there," Pleat said.

"He seems very relaxed, whether he's shooting, controlling the ball or moving with the ball. He doesn't seem tense like English players, being very at ease in everything he does. He seemed to side-step the defender and then it was as though he was practising a shot. Some practice."

English players please note — although in Sheffield Wednesday's case a bit of teeth-clenched determination might bring about an improvement.

LEEDS UNITED (3-5-2): J Lukic — D Wetherall, G Kelly, P Beesley — A Couzens, C Palmer, M Tinkler, G McAllister, G Speed — P Masinga (sub: B Deane, 52min), A Yeboah.
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (3-5-2): K Pressman — P Atherton, A Pearce, D Walker — D Petrescu (sub: L Bracos, 80), G Hyde, C Waddle, M Pembridge, I Nolan (sub: J Sheridan, 45) — D Hirst, M Degryse (sub: M Bright, 69).
Referee: G Poll.

Sheringham intervenes to leave Wimbledon in a jam

Tottenham Hotspur 3
Wimbledon 1

By Alyson Rudd

JUST as the death, instead of the survival, of a particular mosquito two million years BC might have resulted in mankind evolving with one eye and saucer-sized navels, it will never be known what might have happened if Jason Dozzell had not been stuck in traffic on the A12 on Saturday.

Gerry Francis, the Tottenham Hotspur manager, wanted Dozzell in the starting line-up, but was forced into a last-minute change, bringing in Gerry McMahon instead. In the event, the scampering pace of the young Northern Ireland forward was exactly what a leaden, injury-hit Wimbledon side did not need.

Nor were they enthralled at meeting one of the more robust teams to emerge from White Hart Lane in recent years. Tottenham soaked up the punches and repelled every unimaginative clearance.

For once, Wimbledon had an excuse. So few of the side were fit that keeping the ball in the air at least staved off the discomfort of ball control.

Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, complained last week that his team were "Yeboahed"; this time they were "Teddied". Sheringham scored his eighth and ninth goals of the season. They both bore his hallmark of patience, precision and of being in the right place at the right time.

Nobody in English football has mastered the art of anticipating what cannot be foreseen quite like Sheringham. His talent makes him the perfect partner for Chris Armstrong.

The former Crystal Palace forward works hard and is unlucky, with his strikes invariably hitting the woodwork or a defender. Even as he was being acclaimed for scoring his first FA Carling Premiership goal of the season, the giant video screen was replaying the fact that the final touch belonged to Elkins, the Wimbledon full back. "I don't care if he doesn't score at all, if he keeps making them for Teddy," Francis said. Poor Armstrong. He does not want to "make" everything, it just always turns out that way.

Sheringham could be forgiven for thinking that a place in the England side travelling to Norway is feasible. However, if Terry Venables, the England coach, maintains his attempt to remould his players and his system, then Sheringham is the wrong type of player.

The random, pinball, do-or-die defending of the Premiership is food and drink to Sheringham, but he will not find Continental opposition willing to provide it. And England, under Venables, are unlikely to create it, either.

This was not a game of the highest calibre. Had Wimbledon been more positive they could have taken more than one goal from some slack Tottenham defending. But it did provide yet another argument for the striking partnership. If Venables does not adopt one, however, nobody will know what kind of difference it could make.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2): I Walker — D Austin, G Mabbutt, C Calderwood, G Wilson — R Rosenthal, D Howells (sub: J Dozzell, 82min), S Campbell, G McMahon — C Armstrong, E Sheringham.
WIMBLEDON (4-4-2): P Heald — K Cunningham, A Thom, C Perry, G Elkins — P Fear (sub: J Goodman, 65), R Earle, V Jones, O Leonhardsen (sub: A Clarke, 69) — D Holdsworth, M Gayle.
Referee: G Ashby


Sheringham: patient

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Penalty provides Cantona with comeback confrontation



Andrew Longmore watches as the French prodigal makes a subdued return to Old Trafford

We had tricolours with Eric's head superimposed above the slogan "back with a vengeance"; we had Plastic Bertrand over the loudspeaker and the *Return of the Magnificent Seven*; we had Saint Eric and, more metaphysically, God. We had Albert Cantona, Eric's father, moustache bristling, standing on the forecourt signing autographs and looking as lost as a little boy on his first visit to the promised land.

We had Old Trafford turned into a little enclave of Provence; we had Eric Cantona's comeback and in there somewhere we had a game of football, dominated in footballing terms for the most part by Liverpool but featuring with telling inevitability a Cantona goal, a penalty struck with nerveless ease midway through the second half. More than any of the other paraphernalia of an extraordinary day, the penalty signalled Cantona's return to normal duty. He has always professed to love the cut and thrust, the loneliness and the confrontational element of the penalty. There is only one winner, Cantona says, and so it is right in the centre of his mental domain. Me against him. Me against the world.

There was no doubting that Cantona would beat the world this time and his celebratory jig round the back stanchion which followed his first goal since that far-post header against Blackburn, three days before his ban, was an instinctive emotional response to the recent counting of days. Was it right that Cantona should take the penalty, Ferguson was asked. "Who was going to take it off him," he asked in return. In truth, much of the rest would be best forgotten, except that Cantona survived the ordeal with his temper intact and his status undiminished in the eyes of the Old Trafford crowd, at least. Red October maybe, but no sign of the red mist.

But after ten months of angst and anguish, in which his stature seemed to grow in direct proportion to his inactivity, it was not surprising that the Frenchman's first competitive game back had a surreal air quite worthy of the central character. Liverpool, usually the most competitive of outfits, even seemed to conspire in the suspension of belief, obligingly allowing Cantona the freedom of the borough to make United's goal after 68 seconds with a long, raking, cross from the left and declaring Cantona a tackle-free zone after that.

"For Manchester United versus Liverpool, it was tame, very tame," Alex Ferguson, manager of United, said. "I don't think the hype helped either team."

For an hour or more, in fact, Cantona operated in a halo of ground, infiltrated neither by friend or foe, almost as though both sides were aware that, on such an emotional day, Eric needed some privacy. The signs had been there well before the game.

"Eric has been very quiet this week, no doubt making his own personal preparations," Alex Ferguson wrote in the programme. His colleagues had confined their pre-match best wishes to the odd handshake — as, indeed, did the opposing captain, Ian Rush. And the game went on around him and occasionally he deigned to join in, reminding everyone of what the fuss was all about, with a deft flick or a casual piece of control. Mostly, the image, the proud chest, the jutting chin, the face which has adorns a thousand Nike posters was more prominent than the substance.

Cantona's much touted return bout with Neil "Razor" Ruddock, the Liverpool centre back who had taken exception to Cantona's upturned collar and strutting demeanour at their last meeting, proved to be as competitive as a Frank Bruno warm-up bout and only late in the game, when both sides pressed for the winner, did even a vestige of animation touch the angelic tranquility of football's most wanted son. This was a test to be survived. The heroics will have to wait.

The end was very much more subdued than the triumphalism of the beginning. One last chant of "Ooh, Aah, Cantona" before with a raise of the right hand and he was gone, the applause muted as the truth dawned over Old Trafford that St Eric will not singlehandedly be able to ordain United as champions this season. There will be better and more difficult days than this. But, as Alex Ferguson said, the show must go on. "We had a dream start and then forgot to play football," he said. "But Eric can be well pleased with his performance. But, to be honest, I've talked enough about Cantona." For once, no one was inclined to argue.

Newcastle stroll clear in impressive style at top of FA Carling Premiership

Ferdinand leads demolition of hapless Everton

Everton	1
Newcastle United	3

By Peter Ball

THE eyes of the football world may have been on Liverpool and Manchester United yesterday, but Newcastle United made sure that they stayed top of the FA Carling Premiership for the next two weeks whatever happened at Old Trafford. Their victory over a dishevelled, injury-ravaged Everton was even more comprehensive than the scoreline suggests.

"To control a game like that against Everton for the periods we did makes that our best performance of the season," Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, said. "We competed with them when we had to and possibly should have won by more."

Worringly for Everton, Newcastle won the battles as well as the contest in skills. Les Ferdinand led from the front with an imposing display and, behind him, Robert Lee was everywhere. "Joe [Royle, the Everton manager] labels his midfield 'The dogs of war', but Robert won the battle and he's got ability as well," Keegan said. Against that, Everton had little to offer, not even their old competitive quality keeping them in the game.

"We've got to get back to the spirit that took us away from trouble last year," Royle said. "I've been loyal to the players who did that for us, but perhaps one or two are having trouble recreating that spirit."

Even spirit would probably not have been enough against Newcastle in this mood. Had Ginola, who took over Beardsley's role alongside Ferdinand, been at his rampant best, who knows how many Newcastle would have won by. The Frenchman had his moments, but generally gave a muted performance, as if unwilling to upstage his compatriot's big day, 30 miles to the east. Gillespie, too, was relatively subdued.

With Ferdinand in that mood, though, it hardly mattered. Rarely has Watson been shrugged aside so easily and so often, Ferdinand's power and pace giving the Everton captain a miserable afternoon. "His leading of the front line was superb," Keegan said. "If he had just stuck the two chances away as well as the goal he made out of nothing, you would say it was as good a centre forward's performance as you could have."

Ferdinand has now scored ten goals in nine games for Newcastle and his claim for a place in the England squad to be announced this week is looking increasingly hard to resist. However, Ferdinand was not alone. Even without Beardsley and with Ginola lasting little longer than an hour, Newcastle are going to be difficult to overtake. Manchester United and Liverpool may have their admirers and there may still be reservations about the Newcastle defence, but it will take a very good side to deny them their first title since 1927.

"Last year, we looked like a team that maybe thought we might win something," Keegan said. "Now we look like a team who believe we can win something this year."

They are undoubtedly a more impressive, more powerful side and Ferdinand's arrival has given them an extra dimension. In the first half, he was irresistable, scoring a goal of thrilling power and shaking the Everton defence to its foundations every time that he got within sight of goal. Only some uncharacteristically sloppy finishing denied him a hat-trick.

There was nothing sloppy about that goal, though, which set Newcastle on their way after 11 minutes. Everton had just enjoyed their best passage of the match, Grant hitting the bar with a clever chip, Hislop saving from Rideout and then Watson heading the resulting corner just over the bar in a two-minute spell. It seemed as if a match was on, but then Howey brought the ball out of defence and found Ferdinand just inside the centre circle. The striker turned Watson with a shrug, leaving the former England centre half on his back and accelerated smoothly away.

"Not so much a run as a surge," Keegan said admiringly. For 20 yards, Everton backed off. When Unsworth decided that it was time to challenge, it was too late. As the defender moved in, Ferdinand rifled a low shot into the corner.

From that moment, the only question was the margin of Newcastle's victory. They contented themselves with two, Lee scoring from the penalty spot after Ginola had "won" a penalty as he ran into Unsworth and Kitson replaced the Frenchman in time to head in Barton's cross.

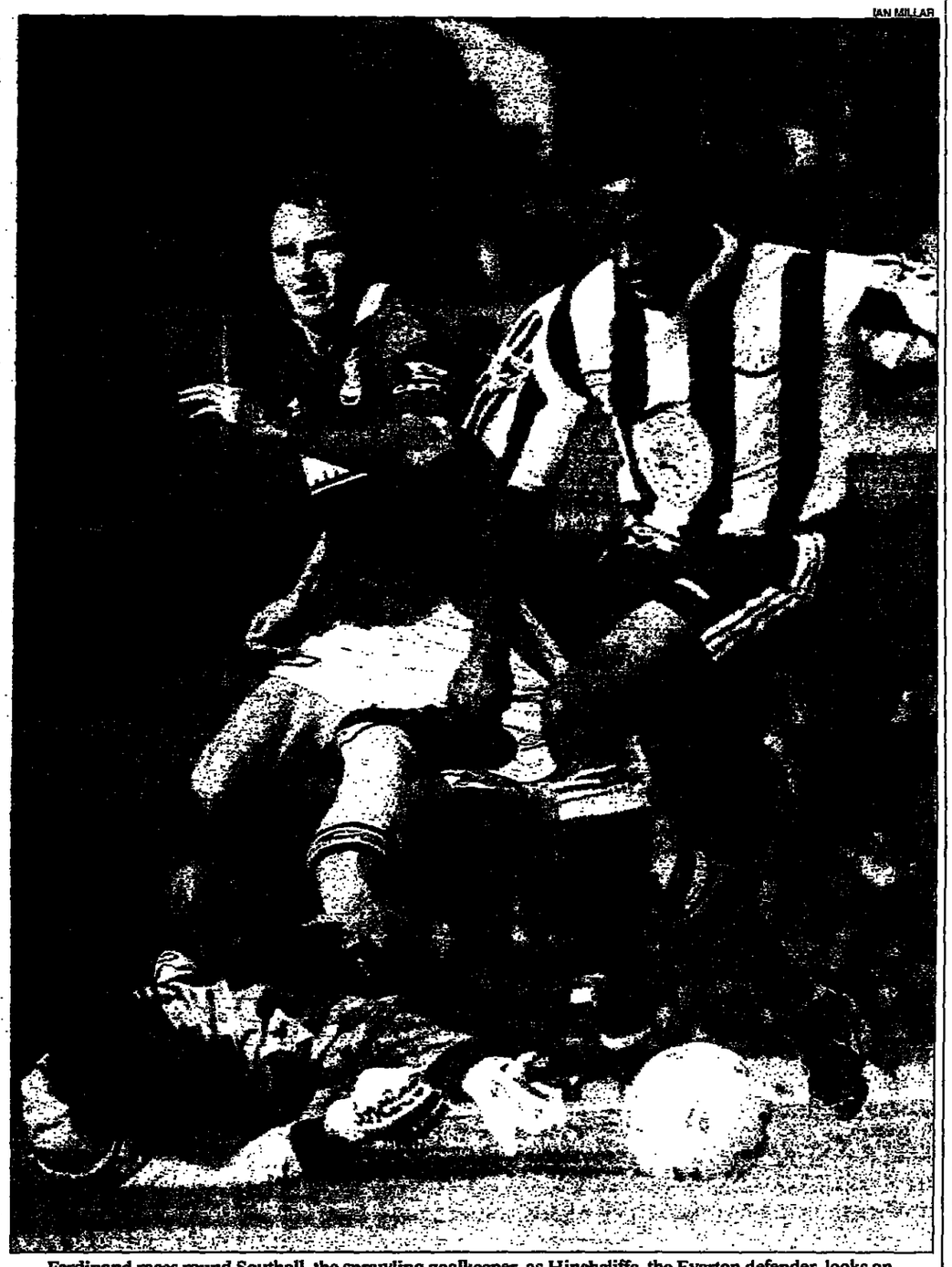
A 3-0 scorelineseemed about right, but Everton gave the game a slightly spurious ending when Limpar was allowed to run through and score, although he looked at least five yards offside. By then, of course, it did not matter.

EVERTON (4-4-2): N Southall — E Barrett, D Watson, D Unsworth, A Hinchcliffe — J Ebbrell, J Parkinson (sub: A Limpar, 45min), B Horne, A Grant — G Stuart, P Rideout.

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2): S Hislop — W Barton, D Peacock, S Howey, J Beresford — K Gillespie (sub: S Watson, 77), R Lee, L Clark, S Sellars — D Ginola (sub: P Kitson, 64), L Ferdinand

Referee: K Cooper (Pontypridd)

IAN MILLAR



Ferdinand races round Southall, the sprawling goalkeeper, as Hinchcliffe, the Everton defender, looks on

		Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1	Newcastle	8	21	+13	WLWWW
2	Arsenal	8	17	+5	DWWWL
3	Manchester Utd	8	17		
4	Liverpool	8	16		
5		8	16	+6	DLWWW
6		8	15	+5	DDWWW
7		8	14		DDWDW
8	Aston Villa	8	14		WWWW
9		8			DWWLW
10	Chelsea	8			DWLLL
11		8		-5	LLWLW
12		8		-3	DWLDL
13		8		-3	LDLWL
14	Blackburn	8	7	-3	WLLLL
15	Everton	8	6	-10	DDLLL
16		8	5	-4	DDLLW
17	West Ham	8	5	-7	DWDLL
18		8	4	-10	LDLLL
19		8		-11	LLLLL
20	Manchester City				

Weekly change: Up Stayed the same Down

Gradi's latest graduates look part

Keith Pike discovers much to enjoy in a game among second division high-fliers

THERE are a couple of things about Crewe that are not so much predictable as warmly reassuring: the locomotives on the InterCity west coast line will thunder through the station — even some of those that are supposed to stop — and it will rain, which is probably why all the train-spotters wear anoraks. Neither British Rail nor Michael Fish disappointed on Saturday.

Nor did Crewe Alexandra. Just as inevitably, some of those passengers disembarking will turn left and left again into Gresty Road, where for 12 and a bit seasons now Dario Gradi has been turning out first-class teams on Super-Saver budgets and attracting talent-spotters like scouts to a bonfire.

The club that, under Gradi's guidance, has given David Platt, Rob Jones and Geoff Thomas to England (well, two out of three's not bad), and a couple of teams to the top division, is at it again. Before this Endsleigh Insurance League second division near-summit match, two youngsters, who had resisted overtures from bigger fish to join the renowned Cheshire football academy on associate schoolboy forms, were introduced by Gradi. During it, Gradi's simple philosophy — neat, accurate passing, with the emphasis on technique and control — was to the fore.

And afterwards? Gradi was disappointed, even though his team had twice come from behind to salvage a point in the 2-2 draw. "I thought we played all the football and created all the chances," he said, "but then these days every team seems to want to come here just to make life difficult for us."

That assessment was a little tough on the team managed by Colin Murphy, the tenth manager to try his luck at Notts County in the time that Gradi has called the shots at Crewe. True, they could not match Crewe for elegance, but there are less attractive sides in the division, and with a forward the size of White to aim at, their longer-ball tactics were understandable. The contrast made for an enjoyable match, and a fair result.

Of the four Gradi graduates in a team with an average age of 22, Gareth Whalley was the most influential and Danny Murphy, 18, the most precocious. Whalley, who at 19 was taking — and missing — penalties in play-off finals, is a stronger, more composed playmaker 2½ years later on than the one who slumped inconsolably onto the turf at Wembley, and the subject of much transfer speculation, although Gradi dismissed a report that he had rejected a £1.5 million bid for him from Blackburn Rovers. Crewe, at the moment, neither need nor want to sell.

Agana's impeccably timed volley and White's thunderous finish for County, answered in turn by Westwood's fortuitous header and Macauley's unstoppable one, should leave both teams in good heart for the resumption of Coca-Cola Cup battles this week. The future for football's lesser lights, both short and long-term, looks promising.

CREWE ALEXANDRA (3-1-4-2): M Gayle — S Macauley, A Westwood, M Booty — G Whalley — W Collins, N Lennon, D Murphy, S Garvey — R Edwards, R Savage.
NOTTS COUNTY (4-3-2-1): D Ward — T Gallagher, G Strodder, S Nicol (sub, A Logg, 41min), R Walker — M Galloway, S Murphy, M Simpson — J Aitkins (sub: C Short, 79), A Agana — D White
Referee: G Singh.

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Strudal to join Luton on loan

MARK STRUDAL, 26, the Brondby centre forward who played against Arsenal in the European Cup Winners' Cup last season, will join Luton Town on loan today. He may step straight into the Endsleigh Insurance League first division team, taking the place of John Taylor, who needs a back operation and will be out for three months.

Taylor, signed from Bradford last season as a replacement for the Wales striker, John Hartson, who joined Arsenal for £2.5 million, goes into hospital this week but the Luton manager, Terry Westley, has already sounded out the possibility of recruiting Strudal from Denmark.

Strudal, who has been with five clubs in the past four years, is likely to join Luton on a similar basis to that of Marc Rieper, his former Brondby team-mate, when he joined West Ham on an extended loan period. This will give Luton time to consider a permanent transfer for a sum expected to be around £500,000.



Stubbs pays for only error

Bolton Wanderers	0
Queens Park Rangers	1

By Ian Rodgers

THE poster hung just 50 yards from Burnden Park and the gist of it was that teams were to be "punished" for his suspension. The irony was not lost on Bolton Wanderers' supporters: Eric Cantona's reappearance coincided with the return of their own miscreant.

Before this match, Alan Stubbs was "on trial". Fanzines screamed "hypocrite" from their front covers and his name was jeered by a few supporters from the last remaining terrace in the FA Carling Premiership. But, after only ten minutes, the club captain was paroled when his 40-yard pass from defence allowed David Lee to run at goal. The subsequent chants of "Stubbsy for England" became more vociferous as the game progressed.

"As I said originally, it was just the minority of fans," Stubbs said later. Bolton have conceded ten goals in his absence and, on Saturday, it was also Stubbs's forward-thinking attitude and constructive passing that created the home side's best chances.

Unfortunately for Bolton, though, it was the breakdown of a Stubbs-inspired attack which permitted Trevor Sinclair the chance to cross for the Mark Hateley lookalike, Daniele Dichio, to score for Queens Park Rangers in the penultimate minute. Stubbs's only error had left him stranded as Bergsson and McAnespie, a newcomer, were left to cope with the height of Dichio, who duly registered his fifth goal in four games.

"Super goalscoring in anyone's language," Ray Wilkins, the Rangers manager, said. Hardly a just reward for Bolton's territorial advantage? "I wouldn't say we nicked it, we won it," Wilkins added. The claim was debatable.

Rangers had lacked imagination until their manager came on as a substitute for Holloway, who was injured. For a man who described himself as an "old nag", Wilkins still displayed the progressive thought and touch of his early days at Chelsea. Yet, despite the endeavours of Sinclair and Dichio, this game should have been Bolton's second win of the season. However, the efforts of an almost nonchalant Stubbs were not equalled by others.

Roy McFarland's wholesale restructuring of the Bolton defence seemed to have paid off after the humiliation at Anfield the previous week, but it was in midfield and up front where Bolton's problems were most apparent. So far, their adaptation to the Premiership has lacked conviction and comparisons have already begun for McFarland.

"Swindon were the team two years ago who performed well and got nothing," the manager said. "We don't want to be in this position, contributing to the football without picking up the points. We can turn that corner, but when it's going to come, I can't tell you."



Dichio: winning goal

BOLTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): K Branagan — S McAnespie, G Bergsson, A Stubbs, J Phillips — D Lee, M Patterson, R Sneekes, A Thompson — F De Freitas, J McGinlay.

QUEENS PARK RANGERS (4-4-2): J Sommer — R Bravett, D Maddix, A McDonald, K Ready — A Impey, I Holloway (sub: R Wilkins, 68min), S Barker, S Osborn — T Sinclair, D Dichio

Referee: J Winter.

Derby earn limited return

Derby County	2
Millwall	2

By Russell Kempson

MONEY can buy success, as Blackburn Rovers demonstrated last season. Yet it does not guarantee success, as Rovers have found out this season and as Derby County are continually discovering. Lionel Pickering, the Derby chairman, has laid out the best part of £12 million on his beloved County in recent years, yet this morning they lie twentieth out of 24 in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division.

It is a sad indictment of cheque-book largesse and a salutary lesson to those who enter football with money to burn but little clue of what, or who, to spend it on. Though Jack Walker reaped his reward at Blackburn, the likes of Sir Jack Hayward, at Wolverhampton Wanderers, and Pickering must wonder what they have got themselves into.

Derby's fortunes at least improved yesterday, only slightly, yet with a degree of honesty and endeavour that suggests that Jim Smith might be able to turn the perennial sow's ear into a silk purse.

Against Millwall, one of the most upwardly mobile sides in the first division, Derby displayed a rare vigour that deservedly earned a draw and eased them up the table. Twice they came from a goal down, showing resolve and no little ability as Millwall's title aspirations appeared bloated.

"Although I was reasonably satisfied with the performance, we didn't show enough consistent quality," Smith said. "Millwall are one of the leading teams in the division so we've got to be fairly happy with the draw."

It had begun bleakly for County, with Millwall's unbeaten away record clearly much more than simple statistics. The south London side were confident and vibrant, with Rae sliding home a low 20-yard shot, in only the sixth minute, after he had been cleverly set up by Van Blerk.

Three minutes later, though, Derby were level. Flynn launched a high ball over the static Witter and Willems, a £300,000 close-season buy from Grasshoppers of Zurich, beat Keller comfortably for his first goal for the club.

Derby could have gone in front, as Preece and Van der Laan got the better of Rae and Bowry in midfield and Preece forced a good save from Keller. It was but an illusion of ascendancy, however, with Millwall soaking up the sporadic pressure and responding with another goal.

In the 25th minute, Fuchs fell over under the challenge of Rowett to earn a fortunate free kick. Black, making his debut on loan from Nottingham Forest, curled a delicate shot over the defensive wall and into the net.

A scrappy second half was at least enlivened by Derby's second equaliser, in the 65th minute as Van der Laan drove his shot past Keller.



Rae: scored for Millwall

DERBY COUNTY (4-4-2): S Sutton — J Kavanagh, D Yates, D Wassall (sub: P Trollope, 84min), G Rowett — S Flynn, R van der Laan, D Preece, P Simpson (sub: D Wrack, 67) — D Powell, R Willems.

MILLWALL (4-4-2): K Keller — R Newman, A Witter, K Stevens, B Thatcher — J van Blerk, R Bowry, A Rae, K Black (sub: D Savage, 81) — C Mallon (sub: K Dean, 72), U Fuchs.

Referee: K Lynch.

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

BOLTON WDRS (0) 0 **QPR** (0) 1
17,362 — Dichio 89

Bolton Wanderers: K Branagan, S McAnespie, J Phillips, G Bergsson, D Lee, R Sneekes, J McGinlay, A Stubbs, F De Freitas, M Paterson, A Thompson.
Booked: Sneekes.
Queen's Park Rangers: J Sommer, S Barker, R Brevett, D Maddix, A McDonald, K Ready, I Holloway (sub: R Wilkins, 59min), A Impey, S Osborn, D Dichio, T Sinclair.
Booked: McDonald.
Referee: J Winter.

CHELSEA (0) 1 **ARSENAL** (0) 0
Hughes 52 — 31,048

Chelsea: D Kharine, C Burley, E Johnsen, R Gullit, A Myers, F Sinclair, G Peacock (sub: E Newton, 82min), D Wise, N Spackman, P Furlong, M Hughes.
Booked: Wise.
Sent off: Spackman (88).
Arsenal: D Seaman, L Dixon, S Bould, A Adams, N Winterburn, P Merson, M Keown (sub: A Linighan, 88), R Parlour, J Jensen (sub: G Helder, 72), D Bergkamp, I Wright.
Booked: Keown, Bould, Parlour, Bergkamp, Jensen.
Referee: M Bodenham.

COVENTRY CITY (0) 0 **ASTON VILLA** (1) 3
20,987 — Yorke 1; Milosevic 84, 87

Coventry City: J Filan, A Pickering (sub: G Strachan, 73min), M Hall, B Borrows, J Williams, D Busst, P Telfer, K Richardson, M Lucas, P Ndlovu, J Salako.
Booked: Borrows, Williams, Telfer.
Aston Villa: M Bosnich, G Charles, A Wright, U Ehiogu, S Staunton, G Southgate, I Taylor, M Draper, S Milosevic, D Yorke, A Townsend.
Booked: Ehiogu.
Referee: A Wilkie.

LEEDS UTD (1) 2 **SHEFFIELD WED** (0) 0
Yeboah 54; Speed 56 — 34,076

Leeds United: J Lukic, G Kelly, D Wetherall, P Beesley, A Couzens, P Masinga (sub: B Deane, 53min), C Palmer, M Tinkler, G McAllister, G Speed, A Yeboah.
Booked: Masinga, Palmer.

Sheffield Wednesday: K Pressman, P Atherton, A Pearce, D Walker, D Petrescu (sub: L Briscoe, 80), C Waddle, I Nolan (sub: J Sheridan, 46), G Hyde, M Pembridge, M Degryse (sub: M Bright, 69), D Hirst.
Booked: Pearce, Waddle.
Sent off: Hirst (65).
Referee: G Poll.

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 2 **BLACKBURN** (0) 0
Barmby 45; Hignett 71 — 29,462

Middlesbrough: G Walsh, N Cox, C Morris, S Vickers, N Pearson, D Whyte, N Barmby, J Pollock, J-A Fjortoft, R Mustoe, C Hignett.
Booked: Pearson.
Blackburn Rovers: T Flowers, J Kenna, T Sherwood, C Hendry, A Shearer, M Newell, M Holmes (sub: P Warhurst, 63min), C Sutton, H Berg, D Batty, I Pearce.
Booked: Newell, Hendry, Holmes, Pearce, Sutton.
Referee: P Alcock.

NOTTM FOREST (1) 3 **MANCHESTER CITY** (0) 0
Lee 10, 46; Stone 82 — 25,620

Nottingham Forest: M Crossley, D Lyttle, S Pearce, C Cooper, S Chettle, L Bohinen (sub: S Gemmill, 84min), S Stone, J Lee, I Woan, C Bart-Williams, B Roy (sub: A Silenzi, 64).
Booked: Stone, Lee.
Manchester City: E Immel, I Brightwell, J Foster, S Lomas, K Curle, K Symons, G Kinkladze, G Creaney (sub: N Summerbee, 57), U Rosler, M Brown, P Beagrie.
Booked: Foster, Brightwell, Curle, Brown, Rosler.
Sent off: Brightwell (41).
Referee: M Reed.

TOTTENHAM (2) 3 **WIMBLEDON** (1) 1
Sheringham 8, 33; Elkins 63 (og) — Earle 40; 25,321

Tottenham Hotspur: I Walker, D Austin, D Howells (sub: J Dozzell, 81min), C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, E Sheringham, C Armstrong, G McMahon, C Wilson, R Rosenthal, S Campbell.

Wimbledon: P Heald, K Cunningham, V Jones, O Leonhardsen (sub: A Clarke, 67), R Earle, D Holdsworth, M Gayle, G Elkins, A Thorn, C Perry, P Fear (sub: J Goodman, 67).
Booked: Jones, Elkins.
Referee: G Ashby.

Yesterday

EVERTON (0) 1 **NEWCASTLE UTD** (1) 3
Limpar 81; 33,080 — Ferdinand 11; Lee 59 (pen); Kitson 65

Everton: N Southall, E Barrett, A Hinchcliffe, D Unsworth, D Watson, G Stuart, P Rideout, B Horne, J Ebbrell, J Parkinson (sub: A Limpar, 45min), A Grant.
Booked: Ebbrell.
Newcastle United: S Hislop, W Barton, J Beresford, D Peacock, S Howey, R Lee, L Ferdinand, L Clark, S Sellars, D Ginola (sub: P Kitson, 64), K Gillespie (sub: S Watson, 77).
Referee: K Cooper (Pontypridd).

MANCHESTER UTD (1) 2 **LIVERPOOL** (1) 2
Butt 2; Cantona 71 (pen) — Fowler 33, 52; 34,934

Manchester United: P Schmeichel, G Neville, S Bruce, L Sharpe, G Pallister, E Cantona, R Giggs, N Butt (sub: D Beckham, 46min), A Cole, R Keane, P Neville (sub: P Scholes, 72).
Booked: Keane.
Liverpool: D James, J McAteer, S Harkness, P Babb, J Scales, N Ruddock, S McManaman, J Redknapp, I Rush, M Thomas, R Fowler.
Booked: McAteer, Redknapp, Thomas.
Referee: D Elleray.

TODAY

Southampton v West Ham

WITH only one win this season, Southampton entertain fellow strugglers West Ham. Southampton are boosted by the return of Heaney and Neilson, although Dodd may keep his place after covering well in their absence. West Ham's re-assembled but fragile defence must perform well if it is to contain Le Tissier.



Yorke: first-minute goal for Villa

GOALSCORERS

	Lge	Cup	Euro	Total
Yeboah (Leeds)	8	0	3	11
Ferdinand (Newcastle)	9	1	0	10
Sheringham (Tottenham)	8	1	0	9
Shearer (Blackburn)	7	2	0	9
Fowler (Liverpool)	8	0	0	8
Wright (Arsenal)	5	1	0	6
Holdsworth (Wimbledon)	4	2	0	6
Dichio (QPR)	4	1	0	5
Le Tissier (Southampton)	3	2	0	5
Yorke (Aston Villa)	3	2	0	5

WITH Eric Cantona's disciplinary record firmly under the spotlight, an examination of his fellow professionals provides some revealing statistics. If we take his record of 17 bookings and four sendings-off, a total of 71 points, he does not rank in the top 50 of players' disciplinary points over the past five years, let alone the top 20 listed below.

Vinny Jones, of Wimbledon, is the worst offender with a mammoth 189 points (14 this season already), 37 ahead of second-placed Neil Ruddock of Liverpool. Those moving rapidly up the standings this season are Frank Sinclair, of Chelsea, 15 points for 1995-96, Andy Townsend, of Aston Villa, and John Pemberton, of Leeds United, 14, and Matt Le Tissier, of Southampton, and Carlton Palmer of Leeds, 12. These statistics include all competitions including European competition and international appearances.

Player	S-off	Bkd	Pts
V Jones (Wimbledon)	7	56	189
N Ruddock (Liverpool)	4	44	152
M Hughes (Chelsea)	4	41	143
D Wise (Chelsea)	3	40	135
I Wright (Arsenal)	0	49	135
J Dicks (West Ham)	4	37	131
D Burrows (Coventry)	0	43	129
C Cooper (Nottm Forest)	2	38	124
R Keane (Manchester Utd)	2	38	124
M Le Tissier (Southampton)	1	36	113
M Allen (West Ham)	2	34	112
C Palmer (Leeds)	2	34	112
F Sinclair (Chelsea)	2	34	112
F Benali (Southampton)	2	33	109
T Adams (Arsenal)	2	32	106
M Harford (Wimbledon)	0	35	105
A Townsend (Aston Villa)	4	28	104
G Le Saux (Blackburn)	1	32	101
B Horne (Everton)	3	28	99
J Pemberton (Leeds)	1	31	98

Points are calculated on the basis of 3 points for booking, 5 for sending-off. A dismissal for a second bookable offence is calculated as a sending-off, 5 points, not two bookings.

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Newcastle	8	4	0	0	9	1	3	0	1	8	3	21	+13
2 Aston Villa	8	3	1	0	7	2	2	1	1	5	3	17	+7
3 Man Utd	8	3	1	0	10	4	2	1	1	6	6	17	+6
4 Liverpool	8	4	0	0	10	2	1	1	2	5	5	16	+8
5 Leeds	8	3	0	1	6	3	2	1	1	8	6	16	+5
6 Arsenal	8	2	2	0	7	4	2	1	1	3	1	15	+5
7 Middlesbro	8	3	1	0	6	1	1	2	1	3	3	15	+5
8 Nottm For	8	2	2	0	7	3	1	3	0	7	6	14	+5
9 Tottenham	8	2	0	2	6	6	2	2	0	6	5	14	+3
10 Chelsea	8	2	2	0	6	2	1	1	2	3	5	12	+2
11 Wimbledon	8	2	1	1	8	8	1	0	3	5	8	10	-3
12 QPR	8	1	0	3	3	9	2	0	2	4	3	9	-5
13 Sheff Wed	8	1	1	2	3	6	1	1	2	5	5	8	-3
14 Everton	8	1	0	3	5	8	1	1	2	5	5	7	-3
15 Blackburn	8	2	1	1	8	4	0	0	4	2	9	7	-3
16 Coventry	8	1	2	1	3	5	0	1	3	4	12	6	-10
17 West Ham	7	1	1	2	5	7	0	1	2	2	4	5	-4
18 Soton	7	1	1	1	5	5	0	1	3	2	9	5	-7
19 Bolton	8	1	1	2	4	6	0	0	4	4	12	4	-10
20 Man City	8	0	1	3	1	5	0	0	4	2	9	1	-11

Endsleigh Insurance League

FIRST DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM C (0) 0 **OLDHAM ATH** (0) 0 — 17,269

CHARLTON ATH (1) 1 **BARNSLEY** (0) 1 — Grant 40; Redfearn 90; 11,219

CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 1 **STOKE CITY** (1) 1 — Freedman 30; Carruthers 36; 14,513

LUTON TOWN (2) 3 **PORTSMOUTH** (1) 1 — Marshall 7, Davis 23, Guentchev 60 (pen); Walsh 43; 7,795
Sent off: J Gittens (Portsmouth) 61

NORWICH CITY (0) 0 **LEICESTER CITY** (0) 1 — Heskey 87; 16,435

PORT VALE (1) 2 **WOLVERHAMPTON** (2) 2 — Richards 37 (og), Porter 61 (pen); Goodman 16, Daley 31; 11,559
Sent off: M Rankine (Wolverhampton) 60

SHEFFIELD UTD (2) 2 **IPSWICH TOWN** (0) 2 — Starbuck 16, Whitehouse 33 (pen); Marshall 61, 68; 12,557
Sent off: D Whitehouse (Sheffield United) 39

SOUTHEND UTD (0) 1 **GRIMSBY TOWN** (0) 0 — Regis 84; 4,977

SUNDERLAND (0) 2 **READING** (0) 2 — Kelly 75, Melville 99; Lovell 55, Kerr 87; 17,503

TRANMERE RVRS (1) 2 **WATFORD** (1) 3 — Bennett 26, Aldridge 75; Foster 21, Moralee 59, Mooney 63; 7,041

WEST BROMWICH (1) 1 **HUDDERSFIELD** (2) 2 — Taylor 36; Cowan 38, Booth 40; 15,945

Yesterday

DERBY COUNTY (1) 2 **MILLWALL** (2) 2 — Willems 10, Van der Laan 67; Rae 7, Black 26; 9,590

SECOND DIVISION

BRADFORD CITY (0) 2 **BLACKPOOL** (1) 1 — Ormondroyd 56, Tolson 70; Preece 36; 6,820

BRENTFORD (0) 1 **CHESTERFIELD** (1) 2 — McGhee 83; Ashby 29 (og), Robinson 82; 4,734

BRIGHTON (1) 2 **SHREWSBURY** (1) 2 — Foster 4, Minton 76; Whiston 43, Rowbotham 75; 5,247

BRISTOL CITY (0) 0 **WYCOMBE WDRS** (0) 0 — 5,564

BURNLEY (1) 3 **SWANSEA CITY** (0) 0 — Hoyland 15, Joyce 53, Eyres 79; 8,068

CREWE ALEXANDRA (0) 2 **NOTTS COUNTY** (0) 2 — Westwood 72, Macauley 78; Agana 49, White 80; 4,260

HULL CITY (0) 0 **YORK CITY** (2) 3 — 5,273; Barnes 3, 62 (pen), Peverell 22

OXFORD UTD (0) 1 **BRISTOL RVRS** (2) 2 — Elliott 61; Browning 16, Stewart 44; 5,684

ROTHERHAM UTD (2) 5 **PETERBOROUGH** (0) 1 — Goater 42, 49, Bowyer 44, Jeffrey 61, Garner 83; Power 47; 2,863

STOCKPORT (1) 3 **BOURNEMOUTH** (0) 1 — Armstrong 27, 56, Eckhardt 54; Bailey 63; 5,655

WALSALL (2) 2 **CARLISLE** (0) 1 — O'Connor 10 (pen), Houghton 16; Thorpe 53; 4,214

WREXHAM (1) 4 **SWINDON TOWN** (2) 3 — Connolly 37, 45, 57, Hunter 75; Allison 11, 23, Thorne 56; 4,305

THIRD DIVISION

BARNET (0) 1 **DARLINGTON** (1) 1 — Robbins 79; Bannister 40; 1,922

CAMBRIDGE UTD (0) 0 **HARTLEPOOL** (0) 1 — Howard 63; 2,549

CARDIFF CITY (1) 3 **MANSFIELD** (0) 0 — Ingram 22, Dale 55, 89 (pen); 3,458

GILLINGHAM (0) 3 **BURY** (0) 0 — Bailey 57, Fortune-West 79, 82; 6,125
Sent off: D Pugh (Bury) 70

HEREFORD UTD (1) 2 **WIGAN ATH** (1) 2 — Wilkins 2, White 36; Diaz 44, Greenall 81; 2,196

LEYTON ORIENT (2) 3 **DONCASTER RVRS** (0) 1 — West 13, Kelly 15, Chapman 48; Darby 84; 5,524

NORTHAMPTON (0) 2 **FULHAM** (0) 0 — Grayson 43, White 85; 5,778

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (3) 3 **LINCOLN** (0) 0 — Minett 5 (og), Evans 6, Littlejohn 20; 6,643

PRESTON NE (0) 2 **CHESTER** (0) 0 — Wilkinson 71, Saville 89; 8,544

ROCHDALE (3) 4 **EXETER CITY** (0) 2 — Stuart 6, Deary 21, Whitehall 22, Peake 72; Phillips 74, Cecere 86; 2,052

SCARBOROUGH (1) 2 **TORQUAY UTD** (0) 1 — Charles 7, D'Auria 57; Hicks 71 (og); 1,455
Sent off: J Malou (Torquay) 37

SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 **COLCHESTER UTD** (0) 0 — Eyre 15; 2,051

GOALSCORERS

First division: 8 Blake (Sheffield United), Aldridge (Tranmere), Bowyer (Charlton). 7 Goodman (Wolves), Mathie (Ipswich), Hunt (Birmingham).
Second division: 11 White (Notts County). 10 Goater (Rotherham), Jones (Bournemouth), Barnes (York). 9 De Souza (Wycombe Wanderers).
Third division: 10 Dale (Cardiff). 7 Fortune-West (Gillingham), Whitehall (Rochdale), Corazzin (Cambridge United), Adcock (Colchester).

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

ABERDEEN (2) 3 **RAITH** (0) 0 — Booth 6, 71, Miller 26; 10,000

CELTIC (0) 0 **RANGERS** (1) 2 — 34,500; Cleland 43, Gascoigne 56

MOTHERWELL (1) 3 **KILMARNOCK** (0) 0 — Coyne 32, 69 (pen), May 52; 6,356

PARTICK (0) 1 **FALKIRK** (0) 1 — Craig 50; Johnston 57 (pen); 5,000

Yesterday

HIBERNIAN (0) 2 **HEARTS** (1) 2 — Donald 60, McGinlay 72; McPherson 40, Robertson 90; 13,000

FIRST DIVISION

AIRDRIE (0) 0 **HAMILTON** (0) 0 — 1,461

CLYDEBANK (1) 2 **DUMBARTON** (0) 1 — Grady 22, Sutherland 83; Gibson 56; 939

DUNDEE (1) 2 **DUNDEE UTD** (1) 3 — Hamilton 39 (pen), 75; McKinlay 8 (pen), 63, 74; 10,395

DUNFERMLINE (0) 2 **ST JOHNSTONE** (1) 1 — Petrie 81, Shaw 87; O'Boyle 12; 5,737

ST MIRREN (1) 1 **G MORTON** (2) 4 — Boyd 5; Hawke 1, 88, Lilley 10, Rajamaki 65; 5,464
Sent off: M Baker (St Mirren) 62

SECOND DIVISION

AYR (0) 0 **STRANRAER** (0) 0 — 1,455

FORFAR (0) 0 **MONTROSE** (0) 0 — 660
Sent off: R Mann (Forfar) 75, D Craig (Forfar) 81

QUEEN OF SOUTH (1) 1 **BERWICK** (2) 4 — Harris 18; Cole 27, Fraser 35, 89, Cowan 48; 1,056

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0 **EAST FIFE** (0) 1 — Dwarika 80; 1,000

STIRLING (1) 1 **CLYDE** (0) 1 — Taggart 18; McConnell 60; 1,003

THIRD DIVISION

ALBION (3) 3 **QUEEN'S PARK** (1) 1 — Young 29, 36, McBride 43; Arbuckell 28; 378

BRECHIN (0) 1 **ARBROATH** (0) 1 — McKellar 62; Porteous 46; 632

CALEY THIS (1) 1 **ROSS COUNTY** (1) 1 — Hercher 16; MacPherson 29; 3,625
Sent off: C Christie (Caley Thistle) 54, G Bennett (Caley Thistle) 53, J MacPherson (Ross County) 51

COWDENBEATH (0) 0 **LIVINGSTON** (1) 1 — 340; Young 36

EAST STIRLING (0) 2 **ALLOA** (1) 2 — Lee 70 (pen), McBride 79; Whyte 31, Newbigging 89; 305

CONFERENCE

BATH CITY (0) 0 **STALYBRIDGE** (2) 4 — 580; Wheeler 6, Higginbotham 45, 47, Ryan 75

BROMSGROVE R (1) 2 **RUNCORN** (0) 0 — Smith 3, Grocutt 82; 973

DAG & RED (0) 0 **NORTHWICH VIC** (3) 3 — 646; Butler 2 (pen), Williams 17, Vicary 19
Sent off: Wells (Dag & Red) 86

FARNBOROUGH (2) 6 **MACCLESFIELD** (0) 1 — Senior 2, 77, Boothe 34, 61, 85, Denny 74; Coates 62; 740

HALIFAX TOWN (0) 1 **DOVER ATH** (0) 0 — Hendrick 48; 905

MORECAMBE (1) 1 **WELLING** (0) 0 — Coleman 4; 845

SLOUGH (0) 0 **HEDNESFORD T** (1) 2 — 971; Carty 3, O'Connor 69

SOUTHPORT (0) 0 **KIDDERMINSTER** (0) 2 — 1,164; Davies 57, 87

STEVENAGE BOR (0) 1 **ALTRINCHAM** (1) 1 — Smith 54; Green 36; 1,615

TELFORD UTD (2) 3 **KETTERING T** (3) 4 — Myers 3, 49, Clarke 34 (pen); Pope 20, Oxbrow 25, Scott 30, Alford 72; 952

WOKING (0) 2 **GATESHEAD** (0) 0 — Steele 65, Hay 90; 1,939

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Kidderminster	11	5	0	0	13	3	3	1	2	12	9	25
2 Bromsgrove	12	5	1	0	13	3	2	2	2	8	12	24
3 Hednesford	10	3	1	0	10	2	4	0	1	10	5	22
4 Kettering	12	3	2	0	13	3	2	2	3	12	15	19
5 Slough	12	3	1	1	4	14	4	0	1	11	6	19
6 Macclesfield	11	3	1	2	10	8	3	0	2	9	11	19
7 Altrincham	11	3	2	1	12	7	2	1	2	5	6	18
8 Woking	11	6	0	0	14	3	0	0	5	4	12	18
9 Halifax	13	5	1	2	10	6	0	0	5	4	12	16
10 Farnborough	9	3	2	1	13	5	1	1	1	7	6	15
11 Stevenage	9	2	1	1	8	3	2	2	1	7	8	15
12 Northwich	9	2	0	2	4	5	2	2	1	7	5	14
13 Stalybridge	11	3	1	1	9	7	1	1	4	6	8	14
14 Runcorn	12	3	1	1	9	7	1	1	5	5	14	14
15 Southport	12	1	2	3	6	8	2	2	2	12	12	13
16 Telford	10	2	2	2	9	8	1	1	2	3	8	12
17 Gateshead	10	3	1	1	7	5	0	2	3	6	12	11
18 Morecambe	10	3	0	2	9	7	0	2	3	6	12	11
19 Bath	11	2	1	2	7	7	1	2	2	4	9	11
20 Welling	9	1	1	1	6	6	1	2	3	6	8	9
21 Dag & Red	10	1	2	2	6	9	0	0	5	2	11	5
22 Dover	10	0	0	5	5	12	1	0	4	5	10	3



Poyato, of Valencia, holds off Corjito, of Rayo Vallencano, in their first division match. Rayo, newcomers to the division, won 3-2. Photograph: Paul White

EUROPEAN

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Sint Truiden 1 Cercle Brugge 1, Seraing 0 Standard Liege 0; FC Mechelen 2 Lommel 0; Anderlecht 1 Antwerp 1, Beveren 0 Harelbeke 0; Charleroi 2 RWD Molenbeek 2; Waregem 0 Alost 0; Eeklo 1 Lierse 1; Club Brugge 3 Ghent 0.
DUTCH LEAGUE: Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 2 Utrecht 3, NEC Nijmegen 1 NAC Breda 3.
GERMAN LEAGUE: Kaiserslautern 1 FC Cologne 1; 1860 Munich 2 Fortuna Duesseldorf 1, Karlsruhe 0 Hansa Rostock 2; Bayer Leverkusen 2 Werder Bremen 2; Freiburg 1 Schalke 04 2.
FRENCH LEAGUE: Le Havre 1 Martigues 0; Lyon 2 Saint-Etienne 1, Rennes 2 Bastia 0; Metz 3 Auxerre 1; Gueugnon 0 Nantes 1; Monaco 1 Guingamp 0; Cannes 1, Nice 3; Montpellier 0 Lille 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Metz	11	7	4	0	13	5	25
Paris SG	10	7	2	1	20	7	23
Auxerre	11	6	1	4	21	11	19
Lens	10	5	4	1	14	8	19
Monaco	11	7	1	4	20	15	19
Guingamp	11	4	5	2	8	6	17
Bordeaux	10	5	1	4	15	11	16
Nice	11	4	4	3	13	10	16
Bastia	11	5	1	5	16	15	16
Nantes	11	4	4	3	12	12	16
Montpellier	11	4	3	4	12	12	15
Strasbourg	10	3	4	3	14	11	13
Rennes	11	4	1	6	12	17	13
Le Havre	11	4	1	6	6	16	13
St Etienne	11	3	3	5	16	18	12
Lyon	11	3	3	5	12	16	12
Gueugnon	11	2	4	5	9	17	10
Martigues	11	3	1	7	7	15	10
Cannes	11	3	0	8	14	22	9
Lille	11	1	3	7	7	17	6

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Atalanta 2 Piacenza 0, Bari 1 AC Milan 0; Fiorentina 3 Cremonese 2; Inter Milan 4 Torino 0; Juventus 1 Napoli 1; Padova 1 Parma 3; Sampdoria 1 Cagliari 2; Udinese 1 Vicenza 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Milan	5	4	0	1	9	4	12
Juventus	5	3	2	0	10	2	11
Napoli	5	3	2	0	9	4	11
Parma	5	3	1	1	9	6	10
Fiorentina	5	3	0	2	8	7	9
Lazio	4	2	2	0	10	6	8
Udinese	5	2	2	1	8	7	8
Inter	5	2	1	2	7	4	7
Vicenza	5	2	1	2	4	4	7
Atalanta	5	2	1	2	5	7	7
Sampdoria	5	1	3	1	6	4	6
Bari	5	1	2	2	7	10	5
Torino	5	1	2	2	5	9	5
Roma	4	1	1	2	3	4	4
Cagliari	5	1	1	3	3	6	4
Piacenza	5	1	1	3	4	11	4
Cremonese	5	0	1	4	5	11	1
Padova	5	0	1	4	4	10	1

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Tirsense 0 Felgueiras 0; Amadora 1 Maritimo 1, Gil Vicente 2 Farense 2; Chaves 4 Campomaiorense 1; Leca 0 Braga 1; Guimaraes 1 Salgueiros 2; Belenenses 3 Leiria 1.
SPANISH LEAGUE: Athletic Bilbao 2 Sporting Gijon 1; Real Madrid 1 Barcelona 0; Rayo Vallecano 3 Valencia 2.

NON LEAGUE AND NATIONAL LEAGUES

NORTHERN PREM

Premier division: Bamber Bridge 3 Hyde 3; Barrow 1 Frickley 1, Blyth Spartans 1 Buxton 1, Boston 4 Accrington Stanley 0; Colwyn Bay 1 Emley 0; Droylsden 1 Winsford 1, Knowsley 2 Gainsborough 3. Leek 0 Bishop Auckland 1, Marine 1 Matlock 0 Spennymoor 2 Chorley 2; Witton 3 Guiseley 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
B Bridge	10	7	3	0	23	6	24
Guiseley	11	6	3	2	26	16	21
Barrow	10	6	2	2	26	13	20
Witton	12	6	2	4	23	15	20
A Stanley	10	6	2	2	19	14	20
Boston	12	6	0	6	28	20	18
Emley	10	5	2	3	12	7	17
B Auckland	10	5	2	3	12	13	17
Blyth	10	4	3	3	21	17	15
Hyde	10	4	2	4	15	11	14
Gainsboro	9	4	2	3	15	15	14
Chorley	10	4	2	4	13	16	14
Colwyn B	11	3	5	3	12	16	14
Spennymoor	11	3	4	4	16	18	13
Marine	9	3	3	3	11	7	12
Leek	9	3	3	3	12	10	12
Frickley	9	3	3	3	11	15	12
Winsford	9	3	3	3	6	10	12
Buxton	10	1	3	6	12	26	6
Droylsden	11	1	2	8	10	29	5
Knowsley	11	1	2	8	10	32	5
Matlock	10	1	1	8	14	23	4

First division: Ashton 3 Workington 1 Curzon Ashton 0 Bradford PA 1, Eastwood 2 Warrington 1, Farsley Celtic 2 Lancaster 1, Fleetwood 0 Congleton 2; Great Harwood 2 Whitley Bay 0 Gretna 3 Leigh 1 Lincoln 2 Radcliffe 1 Netherfield 0 Harrogate 0 Worksop 1 Atherton LR 3

BEAZER HOMES

Premier division: Atherstone 2 Baldock 2 Chelmsford 1 Halesowen 0 Cheltenham 0 Rushden and Diamonds 2 Dorchester 3 Crawley 1 Gresley 1 Newport AFC 3, Hastings 3 Cambridge City 1 Merthyr 10 Ilkeston 1 Salisbury 2 Gravesend and Northfl 0 Stafford 1 VS Rugby 2, Sudbury 0 Gloucester 2 Worcester 1 Burton 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rushden D	9	7	1	1	21	8	22
Newport	9	6	2	1	16	9	20
Gloucester	9	6	1	2	20	6	19
Worcester	9	5	3	1	16	7	18
Cheltenham	9	6	0	3	17	12	18
Merthyr	9	5	1	3	19	14	16
Baldock	9	4	3	2	16	7	15
Gravesend N	9	4	2	3	15	12	14
Crawley	10	4	2	4	17	17	14
Gresley	9	3	4	2	9	9	13
Halesowen	8	3	3	2	11	9	12
Burton	9	3	3	3	14	15	12
Chelmsford	9	4	0	5	10	15	12
Atherstone	8	3	2	3	14	11	11
Dorchester	9	3	1	5	16	13	10
Sudbury	9	2	4	3	15	16	10
Salisbury	9	3	1	5	10	13	10
Hastings	9	2	4	3	12	16	10
Cambridge C	9	3	1	5	10	16	10
Ilkeston	8	1	2	5	6	24	5
VS Rugby	9	1	0	8	4	23	3
Stafford	9	0	0	9	9	26	0

Midland division: Bedworth 2 RC Warwick 1 Bridgnorth 1 Nuneaton 0, Bury 1 Paget 2 Corby 0 Moor Green 2, Dudley 2 Bilston 2 Hinckley 2 Rothwell 2; Redditch 0 Buckingham 1 Solihull 2 Kings Lynn 2, Stourbridge 1 Evesham 0 Sutton Coldfield 2 Leicester 2, Tamworth 3 Grantham 2

Southern division: Ashford 1 Trowbridge 0, Braintree 2 Weston-super-Mare 2 Cinderford 3 Weymouth 4, Clevedon 0 Tonbridge Angels 2 Fareham 0 Waterlooville 3, Fisher 93 4 Erith and Belvedere 3, Havant 0 Newport IOW 5 Margate 3 Forest Green 1 Poole 1 Witney 3 Sittingbourne 3 Fleet 2; Yate 0 Bashley 3

ISIS

Premier division: Bromley 0 Hitchin 2, Dulwich 0 Chertsey 0, Harrow 0 Carshalton 1 Hendon 1 Bishop's Stortford 1 Molesey 0 Grays 0 Purfleet 0 Hayes 0, Sutton United 2 Aylesbury 3 Walton and Hersham 1 St Albans 2, Worthing 0 Enfield 1 Yeading 0 Kingstonian 2 Yeovil 0 Boreham Wood 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Enfield	10	7	2	1	21	7	23
Carshalton	9	7	1	1	17	9	22
Aylesbury	9	5	3	1	20	9	18
Dulwich	9	5	2	1	17	7	17
Boreham W	8	5	2	1	13	7	17
Hayes	7	4	3	0	11	4	15
St Albans	5	4	2	2	16	9	14
Chertsey	8	4	2	2	14	11	14
Kingstonian	9	2	6	1	12	10	12
Harrow	8	3	2	3	14	12	11
Yeovil	9	3	2	4	14	14	11
Sutton	9	2	4	3	15	16	10
B Stortford	8	2	4	2	10	11	10
Yeading	9	3	4	3	6	11	10
Grays	8	1	3	4	5	12	6
Bromley	8	1	2	5	7	13	5
Hitchin	8	1	2	5	7	17	5
Molesey	8	1	2	5	5	17	5
Worthing	7	0	4	3	6	12	4
Purfleet	7	0	4	3	5	12	4
Walton H	8	1	1	6	6	16	4
Hendon	7	0	3	4	5	13	3

First division: Aldershot 4 Leyton Pennant 1 Barking 2 Oxford 3 Basingstoke 0 Wokingham 2 Billericay 1 Abingdon 3; Bognor Regis 3 Staines 1 Chesham 4 Barton 0 Marlow 0 Wembley 2. Ruislip Manor 0 Maidenhead 1 Tooting and Mitcham 3 Heybridge Swifts 1. Uxbridge 1 Berkhamsted 2 Whyteleafe 1 Thame 2
Second division: Canvey Island 1 Banstead 0 Wivenhoe 7 Dorking 0
Postponed: Newbury v Croydon

FA VASE

Second qualifying round: Godalming and Guildford 1 Three Bridges 0 Horsham YMCA 0 Faversham 0, Croydon 0 Bracknell 0 Horsham 4 Portfield 0; Sandean 3 Corinthian Casuals 2 Burgess Hill 3 Selsey 1 Cranleigh 3 Egham 1 Ashford 2 Raynes Park Vale 1 Deal 2 Langney Sports 1. Netherne 3 Lewes 1, Bicester 1 Ryde 1 Totton 2 Milton 1 Gosport 3 Calne 1, Lymington 1 Caterham 0 Hungerford 3 Wantage 1 Swindon Supermarine 2 Thatcham 1 First Tower 1 Bournemouth 2. Sandhurst 2 Pegasus 3 Andover 3 Abingdon 1 Petersfield 0 North Leigh 1 Westbury 0 Bemerton Heath Harlequins 1, Sherborne 3 Christchurch 1 St Blazey 0 Chippenham 3 Minehead 0 Warminster 1: Almondsbury 1 Devizes 2, Chard 2 Dawlish 0 Shortwood 3 Tuffley 1. Cirencester 1 Old Georgians 5 Backwell 3 Bristol MF 0 Frome 1 Torpoint 2 Porthleven 0 Keynsham 0 Bishop Sutton 2 Welton 2 Newquay 0 Bridport 3 Brislington 0 Torrington 2 Truro 6 Cadbury Heath 2 Odd Down 2 Glastonbury 0 Wellington 3 Liskeard 4 Harrow Hill 3 Bideford 4 Melksham 0 Saltash 1.
Long Buckby 4 Stourport 1, Shepshed Dynamo 4 Kings Heath 0 Darlaston 4 Northampton Spencer 1 Barwell 1 Stratford 0 Bakewell 1 Gedling 0 Rushall Olympic 3 Milton 1 Cradley 2 Halesowen Harriers 3 Shifnal 1 Solihull Swifts 1 Anstey Nomads 4 Radford 1 Westfields 0 Brackley 2 Knowle 2 Pershore 3 Mier KA 0 Walsall Wood 5 Friar Lane OB 0 Oldbury 1, Stafford 2 Wisbech 4 Stewarts and Lloyds 1 Boldmere St Michaels 3 Banbury 2 Bristol 2 Newport Pagnell 3 Wellingborough 3 Bicester 1 Wednesfield 3 Coventry 2 Bourne 3 Lowestoft 5 Mildenhall 2 Watton 0 Stowmarket 1. Ipswich 0 Gorleston 3 Warboys 2 March 0. Felixstowe Port 1 Harwich and Parkeston 2. Maldon 3 Burnham Ramblers 1. Saffron Walden 1 Swaffham 2 Histon 1 Fakenham 3, Woodbridge 5 Chatteris 0; Soham 1 Ely 4, Bourne 2 Great Yarmouth 1; Holbeach 1 Sawbridgeworth 4; Southend Manor 0 Newmarket 2; Stamford 0 St Neots 1, Great Wakering 1 Clacton 2; Wroxham 7 Somersham 3; Eynesbury 2 Mirrlees Blackstone 2; Witham 1 Spalding 1; Hertford 3 Eton Manor 1, Kingsbury 0 Northwood 1
Wooton Blue Cross 4 Hillingdon 3. Brentwood 1 Welwyn Garden 1, Harlow 5 East Thurrock 4. Cockfosters 1 Edgware 2; Tilbury 2 Waltham Abbey 1; Hampton 3 Viking Sports 0; Brimsdown 0 Romford 4; Langford 3 London Colney 2; Shillington 2 Clapton 4. Bedford 1 Brook House 0; Concord 2 Potters Bar 0; Potton 1 Aveley 2; Greenwich 0 Chalfont St Peter 1, Flackwell Heath 1 Hornchurch 0, Wealdstone 1 St Margaretsbury 1 Cheshunt 1 Stansted 0; Eton Wick 2 Stotfold 6. Feltham 2 Biggleswade 3, Ware 3 Bowers 0, Southall 1 Royston 3. Amersham 0 Hoddesdon 0; Tring 2 Wingate and Finchley 4, Barkingside 2 Harefield 1, Horsham 3 Crockenhill 0; Dartford 1 Furness 3. Ash 0 Shoreham 6, West Wickham 2 Eastbourne 0; Lancing 2 Corinthian 3. Windsor and Eton 2 Folkestone Invicta 2. Ramsgate 1 Hassocks 2; Pagham 4 Arundel 3. Thamesmead 1 Chipstead 0 Ringmer 2 Whitstable 3, Worthing 1 Littlehampton 4; Chichester 1 Canterbury 0; Herne Bay 1 Cray 0 Slade Green 5 Leatherhead 1, Cove 0 Wick 2, Chatham 5 Camberley 2
Easington Colliery 4 West Allotment Celtic 2; Alnwick 1 Esh Winning 2. Seaton Delaval Amateurs 1 Marske 5 Pickering 3 Washington 4. Evenwood 1 Crook 3. Ashington 3 Darlington Cleveland Social 0; Penrith 0 Willington 1; Shotton Comrades 1 Morpeth 0. Annfield Plain 2 Norton SA 1 Benfield Park 2 Whickham 3 Bedlington 5 Horden CW 1. Stockton 0 Ponteland 1, Ferryhill 0 Yorkshire Amateur 1. Wythenshawe Amateur 3 Arnold 2. Oakham 2 Blidworth MW 1, Flixton 2 Poulton 1. Darwen 0 Ossett A 3. Clitheroe 4 Immingham 0; Oldham 3 Prescot Cables 2. Liversedge 0 Newcastle 1. Denaby 0 Ossett T 1 Nettleham 1 Louth 1 Merseyside Police 2 North Ferriby 3; Nantwich 3 Harworth CI 0 Selby 2 Armthorpe Welfare 0. Ashfield 5 Heswall 1; Maltby MW 0 Nuthall 2, Salford 3 Atherton Collieries 0 St Helens 4 Eccleshill 0; Kidsgrove 3 Chadderton 0 Hatfield Main 7 Parkgate 1 Brigg 9 Rossendale 0; Bootle 2 Grove 1. Trafford 4 Staveley MW 2. Winterton 3 Rainworth MW 1. South Normanton 0 Hucknall 5. Heanor 2 Maine Road 2; Borrowash 1 Cheadle 4. Stapenhill 1 West Midlands Police 2, Sandwell 0 Lye 3.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal 4 QPR 3.
COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedfont 2 Farnham 2; DCA Basingstoke 1 Cobham 0; Merstham 5 Hartley Wintney 2; Horley 0 Walton Casuals 2; Reading 3 Westfield 2
ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Handrahan Timbers 0 Alvechurch Villa 1. Highgate 1 Ansells 3. Northfield 0 Coventry Sphinx 3. Shirley 0 Coton Royale 1 Southam 2 Chelmsley 2; Wellesbourne 0 Massey Ferguson 3; West Midland Fire Service 0 Studley BKL 2
ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Hullbridge Sports 3 East Ham 0: Basildon 0 Ford United 1.
FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Dunston Federation 1 Billingham Synthonia 3 Guisborough 4 Chester-le-Street 0 Murton 0 Durham 0: Peterlee 1 Shildon 3 Seaham Red Star 2 Consett 1 Tow Law 4 West Auckland 0. Whitby 0 RTM Newcastle 1
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Elmore 3 Barnstaple 0 Tiverton 0 Taunton 2
HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Lambourn Sports 2 Burnham 1
HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Raunds 1 Boston 1

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Halstead 2 Sudbury 1; Haverhill 1 Tiptree 2; Wisbech 2 Sudbury 1.
JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: BAT 1 Eastleigh 2, Cowes Sports 2 Wimborne 3, Downton 3 Aerostructures 3; Portsmouth RN 1 Brockenhurst 1: Swanage and Herston 2 Whitchurch 1.
MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Brache Sparta 2 Buckingham Athletic 0, Dunstable 0 Hatfield 0.
NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Glossop NE 1 Blackpool 1 Mossley 3 Eastwood Hanley 2 Skelmersdale 2 Holker OB 3.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Glasshoughton Welfare 2 Thackley 3; Goole 2 Belper 3, Sheffield 1 Stocksbridge PS 2.
OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Aloysians 1 Latymer 0; Tenisonians 2 Clapham 2, Meadonians 1 Ignatians 1, Cardinal Manning 3 Isleworthians 0; Glyn Boys 6 Danes 1. Senior first division: Kingsburians 2 Salvatorians 1; Manorians 1 Wilsonians 2; Tiffinians 0 Suttonians 2; Shene Grammarians 1 Vaughanians 4; Phoenix 1 Tenisonians 0.
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Chelsea 3 Charlton 2; Fulham 1 Arsenal 1; Gillingham 1 Cambridge 1, Ipswich 1 Watford 3; Leyton Orient 2 Portsmouth 0; Millwall 3 West Ham 1; Norwich 2 QPR 1. Southend 2 Tottenham Hotspur 3 Second division: Barnet 3 Wimbledon 1; Brighton 2 Brentford 0; Bristol Rovers 1 Wycombe 0; Crystal Palace 6 Colchester 0; Luton 3 Bristol City 2; Southampton 1 Bournemouth 0; Swindon 1 Reading 1; Tottenham 1 Oxford 0
ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Cholmeleians 1 Chigwellians 4, Etonians 1 Malvernians 0; Lancing 4 Foresters 3. Reptonians 3 Aldenhamians 2. First division: O Harrovians 3 O Bradfieldians 1, Wellingburians 1 Brentwoods 11 Wdeians 6 Haberdashers 1. Wykehamists 3 Haileyburians 1
SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Winchmore Hill 1 Old Esthameians 2; Old Actonians 1 Crouch End Vampires 2; Kew Association 2 Civil Service 0, East Barnet OG 2 Norseman 1, South Bank Poly 2 Carshalton 2; Old Parkonians 1 Old Stationers 1: Old Lyonians 1 Old Latymerians 0; Lensbury 3 Barclays Bank 1, Old Bromleians 0 Lloyds Bank 1; Midland Bank 2 Polytechnic 2; Old Parmiterians 4 Alexandra Park 2; Old Salesians 4 Merton 2; Bank of England 0 Brentham 2; Reigate Priory 1 Alleyn OB 3 Cuaco 5 Old Westminster 0; Broomfield 4 Southgate Olympic 1.
SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior One: Hale End 1 Southgate Co 1 O Owens 3 Nottsborough 1, Parkfield 2 Albanian 2; Ulysses 5 St Marys Coll 0; Witan 7 O Grammarians 0 Senior Two: O Bealonians 5 Mill Hill Village 1; O Finchleians 5 Honourable Artillery 0; O Woodhouseians 5 Hadley 2 UCL Academicals 1 Ealing 4, Wandsworth 5 City of London 1.
WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Beckenham 0 Sheppey 1, Tunbridge Wells 2 Hythe 2.

NATIONAL

LEAGUE OF WALES: Bangor City 4 Conwy 4. Barry 2 Cemaes Bay 0; Caernarfon 1 Holywell 1; Connah's Quay 8 Briton Ferry 3; Cwmbran 3 Inter Cardiff 0, Flint 1 Ebbw Vale 1; Llanelli 4 Aberystwyth 2; Newtown 2 Rhyl 0; Porthmadog 3 Afan Lido 1
SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Bangor 0 Portadown 3; Cliftonville 0 Ards 0; Crusaders 2 Glentoran 1; Glenavon 0 Linfield 3. First Division: Ballyclare 1 Newry 1; Ballymena 3 Carrick 1; Distillery 1 Larne 0; Omagh 2 Coleraine 2.

Endsleigh Insurance League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Leicester	10	2	1	2	9	9	4	1	0	7	2	20	16
2 Millwall	10	2	1	2	4	4	3	2	0	6	3	18	10
3 Barnsley	10	3	1	1	8	9	2	1	2	8	10	17	16
4 Charlton	10	3	2	0	9	5	1	2	2	6	5	16	15
5 Huddersfield	10	4	0	1	11	5	1	1	3	4	9	16	15
6 Sunderland	10	2	2	1	7	5	2	2	1	5	5	16	12
7 Ipswich	10	4	0	1	13	8	0	3	2	5	8	15	18
8 Oldham	10	3	1	1	10	5	1	2	2	4	5	15	14
9 Norwich	10	2	2	1	4	3	2	1	2	9	8	15	13
10 West Brom	10	3	1	1	6	3	1	2	2	7	8	15	13
11 Southend	10	3	1	1	5	3	1	1	3	5	7	14	10
12 Birmingham	10	2	3	0	7	3	1	1	3	9	9	13	16
13 Tranmere	9	1	3	1	9	8	2	1	1	5	2	13	14
14 Grimsby	10	2	3	0	5	3	1	1	3	5	8	13	10
15 Watford	10	2	2	1	8	5	1	1	3	6	9	12	14
16 Reading	10	2	1	2	9	9	0	5	0	4	4	12	13
17 Sheff Utd	10	2	1	2	8	8	1	1	3	7	10	11	15
18 C Palace	9	1	3	0	6	5	1	2	2	4	6	11	10
19 Wolves	10	2	2	1	8	4	0	2	3	5	9	10	13
20 Derby	10	1	3	1	4	4	1	1	3	6	11	10	10
21 Stoke	10	1	2	2	3	4	1	2	2	6	11	10	9
22 Portsmouth	10	1	2	2	6	7	1	1	3	7	10	9	13
23 Luton	10	1	1	3	6	9	1	2	2	2	4	9	8
24 Port Vale	10	0	2	3	3	8	1	2	2	4	5	7	7

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Swindon	10	3	2	0	10	3	4	0	1	11	5	23	21
2 Blackpool	10	4	0	1	8	4	2	1	2	7	6	19	15
3 Bradford	10	4	0	1	9	6	2	1	2	6	8	19	15
4 Crewe	9	3	1	0	9	3	2	2	1	10	6	18	19
5 Stockport	10	2	3	0	7	3	3	0	2	5	3	18	12
6 Notts Co	10	3	1	1	7	4	2	2	1	5	4	18	12
7 Chesterfield	10	4	1	0	12	3	1	1	3	5	7	17	17
8 Bristol Rvrs	10	2	1	2	7	8	3	1	1	6	4	17	13
9 Burnley	10	4	1	0	9	3	0	2	3	3	8	15	12
10 Oxford Utd	10	3	1	1	9	3	0	4	1	4	5	14	13
11 Wycombe	10	1	3	1	5	5	2	2	1	7	4	14	12
12 Bournemth	10	3	1	1	9	7	1	0	4	4	9	13	13
13 Rotherham	10	3	2	0	10	4	0	1	4	3	9	12	13
14 Walsall	10	2	2	1	9	7	1	1	3	3	4	12	12
15 Peterboro	10	3	1	1	8	4	0	2	3	4	12	12	12
16 Wrexham	10	1	3	1	8	8	1	2	2	4	6	11	12
17 York	10	1	2	2	6	7	2	0	3	5	7	11	11
18 Brentford	10	3	0	2	4	4	0	2	3	2	6	11	6
19 Swansea	10	2	2	1	8	6	0	2	3	3	11	10	11
20 Brighton	10	1	2	2	5	6	1	1	3	5	10	9	10
21 Carlisle	10	2	1	2	6	4	0	2	3	4	12	9	10
22 Bristol City	9	1	3	1	2	2	0	2	2	4	10	8	6
23 Hull	10	1	2	2	2	5	0	2	3	2	6	7	4
24 Shrewsbury	10	1	0	4	5	8	0	2	3	5	12	5	10

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Gillingham	10	4	0	1	9	2	2	3	0	7	2	21	16
2 Chester	10	4	1	0	13	4	2	1	2	6	6	20	19
3 L Orient	10	4	1	0	10	3	1	3	1	6	6	19	16
4 Rochdale	10	2	2	1	13	8	3	1	1	7	3	18	20
5 Plymouth	10	2	1	2	7	5	3	0	2	10	6	16	17
6 Cambridge	10	1	3	1	7	6	3	1	1	10	9	16	17
7 Exeter	10	3	1	1	7	4	1	3	1	4	5	16	11
8 Preston	10	1	3	1	9	8	2	3	0	7	4	15	16
9 Colchester	10	3	1	1	10	5	1	2	2	5	7	15	15
10 Northamptn	10	2	2	1	10	6	2	0	3	4	7	14	14
11 Doncaster	10	3	1	1	8	3	1	1	3	5	10	14	8
12 Fulham	10	3	2	0	14	6	0	2	3	4	8	13	18
13 Wigan	10	3	0	2	6	5	0	4	1	5	6	13	11
14 Scarboro	10	2	3	0	8	6	1	0	4	3	8	12	11
15 Cardiff	10	2	1	2	5	3	1	2	2	5	6	12	10
16 Hartlepool	10	2	3	0	7	5	1	0	4	2	11	12	9
17 Hereford	10	1	2	2	9	8	1	2	2	6	8	10	15
18 Mansfield	10	1	4	0	5	3	0	3	2	7	12	10	12
19 Scunthorpe	10	2	1	2	5	5	0	3	2	6	8	10	11
20 Bury	10	0	3	2	2	6	2	1	2	9	13	10	11
21 Torquay	10	2	2	1	7	4	0	2	3	3	9	10	10
22 Darlington	10	0	2	3	4	7	1	4	0	6	5	9	10
23 Barnet	10	1	2	2	8	7	0	2	3	2	8	7	8
24 Lincoln	10	0	2	3	6	12	1	0	4	4	15	5	10

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Rangers	5	2	0	1	5	1	2	0	0	4	0	12	+8
2 Aberdeen	5	1	0	1	5	3	2	1	0	6	4	10	+4
3 Celtic	5	0	1	1	1	3	3	0	0	8	2	10	+4
4 Hibernian	5	0	2	0	3	3	2	1	0	5	1	9	+4
5 Motherwell	5	1	1	0	4	1	0	3	0	2	2	7	+3
6 Partick	5	1	2	0	4	2	0	1	1	2	4	6	0
7 Raith	5	2	0	1	5	2	0	0	2	0	7	6	-4
8 Hearts	5	1	1	1	5	6	0	1	1	2	4	5	-3
9 Falkirk	5	0	1	2	2	5	0	1	1	2	5	2	-6
10 Kilmarnock	5	0	0	2	1	5	0	0	3	0	6	0	-10

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Dunfermline	7	3	0	0	7	2	3	0	1	7	2	18	+10
2 Dundee Utd	7	2	1	1	6	4	2	0	1	5	6	13	0
3 G Morton	7	1	1	1	5	4	2	1	1	9	5	11	+5
4 Airdrie	7	1	1	2	4	5	2	1	0	5	3	11	+1
5 Dundee	7	0	2	1	4	5	2	2	0	10	4	10	+5
6 Clydebank	7	1	2	1	5	5	1	1	1	5	4	9	+1
7 St Johnstone	7	1	1	2	6	7	1	1	1	4	2	8	+1
8 St Mirren	7	0	1	2	1	6	1	2	1	5	5	6	-5
9 Dumbarton	7	1	0	3	3	11	1	0	2	4	7	6	-11
10 Hamilton	7	0	1	2	2	7	0	2	2	2	4	3	-5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 East Fife	7	3	0	0	6	1	3	0	1	5	2	18	+8
2 Berwick	7	3	0	0	7	1	2	1	1	9	5	16	+10
3 Forfar	7	2	1	1	3	3	2	0	1	5	3	13	+2
4 Stranraer	7	2	2	0	6	1	1	1	1	3	3	12	+5
5 Clyde	7	1	0	2	4	4	1	3	0	5	2	9	+3
6 Stirling	7	2	1	1	6	3	0	2	1	1	4	9	0
7 Stenhsmuir	7	1	1	1	4	2	1	1	2	4	6	8	0
8 Ayr	7	0	2	2	3	8	1	0	2	1	3	5	-7
9 Queen of S	7	0	1	3	3	12	1	0	2	6	5	4	-8
10 Montrose	7	0	1	2	1	5	0	1	3	1	10	2	-13

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Livingston	7	3	0	0	6	1	4	0	0	9	2	21	+12
2 Brechin	7	2	1	1	6	4	3	0	0	5	1	16	+6
3 Ross County	7	3	1	0	13	5	1	1	1	4	4	14	+8
4 Arbroath	7	1	1	1	5	6	2	1	1	7	5	11	+1
5 Cowdenbth	7	2	0	2	5	4	1	1	1	8	7	10	0
6 Caley This	7	1	1	2	5	7	1	1	1	6	4	8	+2
7 Alloa	7	1	0	2	3	9	1	1	2	3	5	7	-8
8 Queen's Pk	7	2	0	1	4	3	0	0	4	2	10	6	-7
9 Albion	7	1	1	2	7	8	0	0	3	4	10	4	-7
10 East Stirling	7	0	1	2	4	6	0	1	3	5	10	2	-7

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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FORECAST: No claims required; dividend forecast is fairly good with 11 score draws and 5 no-score draws

Robert Crampton meets a showman basking in the reflected limelight of his clients

The Other Eric jinks and feints on the sidelines



Hall's practised flamboyance, complete with cigar and catchphrase, is reminiscent of his heroes — the movie producers of old. 'A deal's a deal. A star is a star!' Photograph: James Morgan

Eric Hall does a good impersonation of a larger-than-life character, but he does not quite bring it off. He tries very hard, he's got all the props — the cigars, the catchphrases, the rampant egomania — but there is something missing.

Meeting Eric brings to mind that old gag about someone being both good and original — but the parts that are good are not original, and the parts that are original are not good. He says, for instance, that he cannot watch rugby because he thinks they are all talking about him in the scrum. "One of my old lines," he says, and has a right old chuckle. No: it is not his line. He prefaces an anecdote by saying: "Well, to make a short story long" — and that may well be one of his old lines, as he claims, but it isn't funny.

Eric, 58, has been a football agent for eight or nine years now — "I'm still a baby!" Before football, he was a promotions man in the music business for more than 30 years, working with Queen, Marc Bolan, Paul McCartney and, er, Pilot. "January, February," he sings. "Love that song!" He is still an old plugger at heart, and he has now plugged and hyped and huffed and puffed himself into the celebrity charts. He will never be in the top ten, but he makes a reliably, if only moderately, entertaining noise.

Eric, football followers will be surprised to learn, is not happy with the European Court of Justice's preliminary ruling on the Jean-Marc Bosman case. "I'm not happy, no," Hall said, pausing for effect. "I am monster, monster, elated!". Eric, agent to some 35 professional footballers, has every right to be pleased by Carl Otto Lenz's opinion that the game's transfer system is contrary to the laws of the European Union.

Eric picks up speed. He talks so fast that you have to fill in some bits for yourself. "When it expires [a footballer's contract] it expires. What about the small clubs? They have to back their judgments. It [a footballer] is a bit like a pint of milk in a supermarket when it reaches its sell-by date. If they [the supermarket owner, and, by analogy, a football club] don't sell it [the milk, footballer] by a certain date, they can't sell it anymore! Same with football. Don't want to follow this too much because they [footballers] are people [not pints of milk]." Probably wise that, Eric. When the finding was first announced, Eric's response was to talk in terms of television sets. Now footballers are pints of milk. Another week, another interview, and one wonders how low down Hall's retail chain the players will have slipped: packet of Rizla papers? Quarter of jelly babies?

So how will the ruling, if upheld by the full court, affect your business, Eric? "Ain't going to affect it too much," he said. Then, a moment later: "It will help me tremendously." He has been accused, I say, of sometimes unsettling players in order to increase his own commission. Now that players will have freedom to switch clubs . . .? "If I'm unsettling players then I'm doing a hell of a bad job," he said. "I'll pick any player out of the hat. Dennis Wise, Wimbledon. Contract run out. Chelsea. Still there. Tim Sherwood. Watford, Norwich. Blackburn, just done a new deal there. Most of my players aren't jumping around."

OK, if he does not deliberately unsettle them, then why doesn't he? He does not owe football anything, his job is to make money for his client and himself? "The player is probably renegotiating anyway if the manager and chairman have half a brain. A group have one or two hits, you renegotiate. Same with football." Eric gets his commission whether his client is signing a new deal with the same club or a new one. "I heard a chairman moaning: 'We pay them wages, we pay them a signing-on fee, end of it all we don't get a penny.' Well that's showbusiness!"

Aside from handling renegotiations (he is at present talking to Roy Evans — "we're mates! well, not mates" — about Neil Ruddock's terms), Eric had a relatively quiet showbusiness summer. He stayed aloof from the £80 million transfer frenzy, "apart from one monster deal, which I set up, but I can't talk about". Turns out that Eric was not hankering after the foreign action anyway. "My strength is domestic football, to be honest with you, Robert. I do attract a certain type of player. Wisey, Ruddock, Scalesy, Holdsworth. Similar type. I don't think I'll ever be a Gary Mabbutt-type agent, or Gary Lineker, or David Platt. I don't attract Peter Perfects, and I don't want to. I don't want also a mad guy. I don't want a Vinny Jones maybe. God forbid. I'm not knocking Vinny, I love Vinny! Love him!"

Is selling footballers like selling records? "Yeah, I'm a good salesman. I'm not a businessman. I'm just an East End Jewish hustler. I'm fearless. Kenny Dalglish. Frank Sinatra. Nobody frightens me, business-wise. Ken Bates said: 'Eric Hall is a deal-maker, not a deal-breaker.' I compromise, put that there, this here, find a little schtick. These licences [Fifa has proposed that football agents should register and abide by a code of practice], I think I will go for one. I'll play the game, see what happens, I've broken no rules."

Eric went on: "People say I don't like football. As a kid, I was dragged along, it wasn't my scene. But I do like football. I like before the game, ducking and diving, hustling and schmustling. Half-time. Afterwards, go and see the lads, get a phone number. I love a phone number! My heroes were the old movie producers. Louis Mayer! Jack Warner! Bald head. Cigar. Lew Grade: I worked with him for many years. A deal's a deal. A star is a star!"

And now Eric himself is a star. Sort of.

Gough sets the stage for Gascoigne magic

KEVIN McCARRA

Scottish commentary

The best teams are awkward as well as slick. It was Rangers' disobliging, intransigent trait that underpinned the 2-0 victory at Celtic Park on Saturday, even if Paul Gascoigne did introduce a sliver of exuberance by scoring the game's second goal. In the early exchanges especially, though, Rangers stamped out fun with puritanical zeal.

To the joy of their supporters, Celtic, before the interval, darted, twisted, manoeuvred and generally cavorted, but their frolics were prohibited in the one area of the field that mattered, the visitors' penalty area. Of late, Rangers have made some vivacious signings, including Gascoigne, but true progress may lie with the unforgiving defence that Walter Smith, the manager, has constructed.

Celtic spent a futile afternoon trying to scale the crags of the Ibrox side's three centre back system, suffering one painful fall after another. Two members of it, Alan McLaren and Gordan Petric, are comparatively recent signings, and they have served to revitalise the career of the man they flank. Richard Gough, the captain, is once more lionised by supporters who were scowling at him a year ago.

Last season, he was asked to defend beside the erratic and impulsive Basile Boli. Gough was left as the innocent bystander while folly broke out around him. With the Frenchman gone to AS Monaco, he has more congenial partners. The bond with Petric is particularly strong and Gough calls him "Perry Como", reckoning that in the midst of a match the Serbian is as unruffled as the old crooner.

With the form of the Rangers captain back in tune, a tired old controversy is also in danger of being revived. When the Scotland squad for the international in Sweden on October 11 is named by the national team manager, Craig Brown, tomorrow, Gough will again be excluded. He has not been capped since condemning both Brown and the Scotland coach of the time, Andy Roxburgh, in 1993.



Gascoigne celebrates after scoring Rangers' second goal

Brown, though he makes few public comments on the matter, continues to shun the idea of reconciliation. It is his right as manager to decide which offences are beyond forgiveness and the excellence of the Scotland defence, without Gough, has removed any temptation towards clemency. However, at 33, it may be that the Rangers player feels no great craving to return to international football, where 61 caps already testify to his talent.

There is much, after all, to occupy him with Rangers. "Don't get sent off," he told Gascoigne at half-time on Saturday. In delivering such advice the captain risked being accused of stating the obvious, but there are people who sometimes need to hear it. Gough had picked the right man. Gascoigne had been booked and a grouchier referee than John Rowbotham might have shown him the red card before the interval.

Soon after receiving the caution he raised an arm and caught John Collins on the head. With time, and Gough's warning, the rashness passed, and, having won the quarrel with his temperament, Gascoigne went on to ensure that Rangers got the better of Celtic. After 58 minutes, he dashed 80 yards from one penalty area to the other to be in position for Ally McCoist's through-ball and stroke home his shot.

The Ibrox side's first goal, a minute before the break, came when Rangers exploited Celtic's susceptibility in the right-back area, just as they had done in the Coca-Cola Cup tie 11 days before. Alex Cleland stole into the space and angled a header from Oleg Salenko's cross past Gordon Marshall.

Celtic supporters were subject to the sort of bitterness known to men who have lately been gripped by strong optimism. With its magnificent new stand, sound finances, substantial investment in the team and improved performances, the club has made great progress since a new regime took over 19 months ago, but all of that counts for little when an Old Firm match has been lost.

Maradona inspires victory on his return

DIEGO MARADONA, playing his first match after a 15-month ban, helped an Argentine side, Boca Juniors, to a 2-1 victory over South Korea's national team at the Chamsil Stadium in Seoul on Saturday.

Maradona was much in evidence in the first half but, looking visibly tired, he was substituted shortly before the end. Maradona, 35 next month, was banned by Fifa, the world governing body, after failing a doping test during last year's World Cup finals in the United States. The ban expired on Friday.

There was little sign on Saturday of the pace and acceleration with which Maradona inspired Argentina to victory in the 1986 World Cup, but it was from his corner in the 42nd minute that Carlos MacAllister headed the opening goal. The South Korea team delighted the 70,000 crowd when the forward, Ha Seok-ju, equalised with a header just before half-time.

Maradona set up several chances in the second half but they were blocked by the goalkeeper, Kim Byung-gee. When Maradona left the field the score was still level, but a minute before the final whistle the forward, Sergio Martinez, 30 yards out, chipped over Byung-gee.

The visiting Argentine President, Carlos Menem, an avid supporter, and South Korea's President, Kim Young-sam, both watched the match, which was staged to promote South Korea's bid to host the World Cup finals. South Korea and Japan are in competition to host the World Cup in 2002.

"I am glad I did not disppoint my fans," Maradona said after the match and described his display as "most satisfactory". He added that he intended "to play as long as I can" but appears to have acknowledged that an active role in the next World Cup in 1998 is beyond him. "I will put the World Cup in the hands of newly-rising youths," he said.

Horse of the Year Show lacks appeal to those outside stable

Remodelled rocking-horse fails test

BY DAVID POWELL

MY EYES said Wembley's twin towers, my nose disagreed, but the smell of the country, even in urban Middlesex, was unmistakable. I was not, I confess, as thrilled to be heading for the Horse of the Year Show as I am when I go to Wembley for football, yet, to a vegetarian, the odour of live animals down Wembley Way was infinitely preferable to the stench of beefburgers before a game.

I was here to see whether an old rocking-horse could be brought to life. For that is what the Horse of the Year Show had become. Big attendances and BBC Television coverage had given way to considerable financial losses. Changes were promised. "Our aim is to provide family entertainment which will appeal to non-horsey people as well as the show's regulars," the promoter was quoted as saying.

Out of the non-horsy stable I came to test the success of this new venture. Eventually, I found my way in, but it was more complicated than it should have been. It was as if the course designer had said: "Let's set one outside for the novice spectators". Neither when booking by telephone, nor during my approach to Wembley Arena, was there any indication that the arena box office was not the place to collect my ticket. Already I had scored faults for a refusal. I was sent to another box office in another building. Safely over this time. Once inside I purchased a programme, which broke the disconcerting news that this was Ladies' Day. Soon, though, I spied men in sufficient numbers to reassure me that this applied probably to competitors rather than spectators. On the schedule for this first afternoon of the five-day show was a musical drive of heavy horses, the Devil's Horsemen stunt team, and the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery musical drive.

Before taking my seat I visited the trade show where I saw something guaranteed to set my pulse racing, something definitely non-horsy. I wanted to try it, just in case I was left unable to share in the "new enthusiasm and excitement for equestrianism" which the programme message hoped all first-timers would feel.

In among the designer browbands, the herbal remedies for horses, and the microchip implants for "indisputable proof of ownership", I had found an experience simulator. Choose, the posters said, from skiing the 1994 Olympic downhill course, the Yamaha Experience, or the Roller Coaster Spectacular. "One for the Downhill Racer, please." Another refusal. "We're not doing that at the moment." Motor rallying only was available. I decided to go for lunch instead.

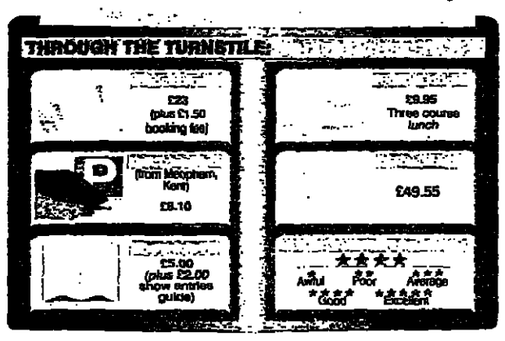
The musical drive of heavy horses (shire, not overweight) was followed by the stunt riding team. The speed of the action, the dexterity of the performers, was entertainment indeed, and, as these men performed their balancing tricks, I remembered the Lone Ranger. They could have taught him a thing or two about how to hang on to a horse.

One striking recollection is how many people climb sideways over seats to get to their row, rather than walk up the steps and along, as if taking imaginary steps onto horseback. Doing the real thing were the competitors in the Christy championship for leading junior show jumper of the year. I followed closely as 38 horses and riders mostly failed to achieve clear rounds.

Only two succeeded, resulting in a jump-off. Sally-Anne How, on Current Ruella, went clear, but Richard Davenport, on Edenside Asha, failed at the second fence, and attention turned to Foxlynch Little John.

Foxlynch Little John, the commentary said, was 29, appeared on the circuit 20 years ago, and was retiring. If I understood the story correctly, when his former owner went to buy him back he crashed into an unmarked police car and wrote off his Porsche. "Obviously someone with money," the commentator said. Probably thinks £23 for an average price ticket to the Horse of the Year Show is cheap.

It is not, but nor is the cost of putting on a show such as this. You have to like horses, though. There is no getting away from it. It was colourful, admirable, competitive, musical, well put together and the information on rules and scoring was plentiful. But would a non-footy person go back to the Cup Final year after year? Personally, I would rather be near a penalty box than a horse box.



Villa rise to challenge from Arsenal

BY SARAH FORDE

ARSENAL, Premier League champions of women's football, suffered their second defeat of the season yesterday, going down 3-1 away to newly-promoted Villa Aztecs. Lorraine Robinson and Jane Hurley put Villa two up by half-time but Sammy Britton got one back for Arsenal early in the second half, triggering a period of sustained pressure before Natalie Masters made the game safe for Villa.

Croydon continue to set the pace after an emphatic 6-1 win over Ilkeston Town Rangers, taking their goal tally to 21 from four games. It was 1-1 at half-time but Croydon scored three goals in the first 15 minutes of the second period. Hope Powell and Tara Proctor both scored twice for Croydon, who are above Doncaster Belles on goal difference.

The Belles had a difficult match at Everton but goals just before and immediately after the interval gave them a 2-0 victory. Everton, still without a win this season, dominated the first half during which "they played the Belles off the park" according to their assistant manager, Keith Marley.

Both Doncaster goals came from set pieces — Vicky Exley scoring after a corner and the captain, Gillian Coultard, scoring from a free kick.

Wolverhampton Wanderers, who have yet to score a point, lost 3-0 at home to Millwall Lionesses. The turning-point came when Lianne Denley, the Wolverhampton goalkeeper, dislocated a finger and was replaced by a defender, Donna Manning.

Tina Lindsey then gave Millwall the lead which was extended by a substitute, Tracey Wright, and Rebecca Loneghan, a new signing from Arsenal.

Liverpool recorded their third consecutive 1-0 win at Wembley in a match settled by an own goal by Lynn Frampton in the first half.

Johnston adopts positive stance on Melbourne Cup

By Julian Muscat

AFTER a night of quiet contemplation, Mark Johnston derived some warmth from the ashes of Double Trigger's drubbing in the Prix du Cadran at Longchamp on Saturday and was in upbeat mood about his Melbourne Cup prospects.

Johnston was understandably despondent in the immediate aftermath of Double Trigger's lifeless fourth behind Always Earnest. Compromised by the slow pace dictated by his partner, Jason Weaver, the chestnut colt could not repel Moonax when Barry Hills's stayer threw down the gauntlet. Initially dismissive of the Australian venture, Johnston spoke optimistically yesterday about taking up the cudgels.

"Double Trigger will go straight into quarantine provided he's 100 per cent when he steps off the horsebox from France," Johnston said. "From what I've heard from my lads, he's come out of his race better than some of his previous runs." Time is pressing, but a final decision on the challenge has been deferred until later this week.

"I've watched a video of the race several times and they only raced for the last four furlongs," Johnston reflected yesterday. "Jason suggested the horse didn't stay but I don't think that's a satisfactory explanation. Other horses were queuing up behind him, all travelling easily. That's not been the case in his races this season."

Johnston intoned after the Cadran that his stayers' Triple Crown winner was most unlikely to journey to Melbourne. But the French test proved only that the horse requires a strongly run race.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: OPENING CHORUS
(2.45 Pontefract)

Next best: Northern Fan
(5.15 Pontefract)

Richard Evans landed a fine nap yesterday with Charlie Sillett (10-1) at Haydock

The trainer agreed his pre-race plan to avoid "a slogging match" worked against his resolute galloper, who, on the early evidence, did not have a hard race. He is to leave no avenue unexplored in his quest for a satisfactory explanation, although the combination of a slow pace and testing ground almost certainly played its part.

Overall, the race proved a huge disappointment for the large British contingent at Longchamp. Moonax looked poised for victory when he headed Double Trigger, but the son of Caerleon could not resist the late flourish of Always Earnest. Indeed, in an appropriate vignette of the British mood, Moonax attempted to take a chunk out of the French-trained winner as he succumbed deep inside the final furlong.

Earlier, the visitors' spirits were high when Flemensfirth, the mount of Lanfranco Dettori, outclassed the opposition in the Prix Dollar. The three-year-old, trained by John Gosden, made all the running under a 7lb penalty, fending off Volochine's strong finish. Flemensfirth could contest the Champion Stakes in the event of soft ground but his long-term target is the newly-instituted Dubai World Cup on March 27.

"He'll be prepared in Newmarket and fly out to Dubai two weeks beforehand to have a spin on the dirt," Gosden said. "He is a strong-actioned horse and I personally think he will run very well. As a group one winner he deserves to take his chance." Gosden suggested Flemensfirth might stay on in the desert state after the $4 million contest.

MARTYN HAYHOW



Cap Juluca, ridden by Hughes, proves the undisputed No 1 in the William Hill Cambridgeshire at Newmarket on Saturday

Cap Juluca aims to follow in famous footsteps

By Our Racing Staff

CAP JULUCA, the winner of the William Hill Cambridgeshire at Newmarket on Saturday, will try to emulate the achievements of Halling, last year's winner, in group races next season. Halling sets a high standard to follow, numbering the Coral-Eclipse and Juddmonte International Stakes among his victories this year, but Cap Juluca leaves the handicap ranks having established a weight carrying record in the Cambridgeshire under 9st 10lb.

"He's improved about 7lb every time he's run," Roger Charlton, his trainer, said. "At the beginning of the year I wouldn't have thought he could achieve anything like this. We'll start him off in listed races next season and hope he develops into a group horse."

Boldly ridden by Richard Hughes, the 11-1 chance stayed on gamely in the closing stages to hold Ball Gown by a neck with another 1¼ lengths to Hunters Of Brora. Show Faith finished fourth. "I was surprised I was able to lead so easily," Hughes said. "I was able to go whatever pace I wanted and he was just idling a bit in front in the closing stages."

Another record fell when Further Flight became the first horse to win the same Pattern race — the Jockey Club Cup — five times. The grey seized his place in history as the favourite. Double Eclipse, caved in at the furlong pole. Striding to the front, he kept on gallantly to hold Assessor by 2½ lengths.

Further Flight has chalked up his victories in successive years and will try to make it six next season. "This is the sort of horse you dream about," Barry Hills, his trainer, said. "It's great that he's captured the public imagination so much."

PONTEFRACT

THUNDERER

2.15 Warbrook. 2.45 Opening Chorus. 3.15 ADMIRALS SECRET (nap). 3.45 Moonshine Dancer. 4.15 Russian Heroine. 4.45 Shinerolla. 5.15 Northern Fan.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.15 SECOND CELLO (nap). 4.45 Roseberry Ray. 5.15 Northern Fan.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND CLAXTON BAY MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,260: 1m 2f) (14 runners)

101 (3) 02 ARCTIC FANCY 9 (The Cool Customers) P Harris 9-0 G Hind 96
102 (10) 00 ARROGANT HEIR 21 (D Brown) S Norton 9-0 Paul Eddery –
103 (6) 0 BENATOM 47 (T Harris) H Cecil 9-0 W Ryan 75
104 (11) DOUBLE DASH (The Middleham Partnership) M Johnston 9-0 J Weaver –
105 (13) 06 INFLUENCE PEDLER 25 (W Gredley) C Brittain 9-0 M Roberts 79
106 (5) 00 NO MORE HASSLE 9 (The No Hassle Partnership) Mrs M Reveley 9-0 K Darley –
107 (2) 0400 OISIN AN OIR 16 (T Hemmings) J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 59
108 (8) 00 OLD SCHOOL HOUSE 18 (Old School House Racing Ltd) C Allen 9-0 S Davies 88
109 (7) SIBERIAN HENRY (C Tatecon) B Smart 9-0 R Cochrane –
110 (14) 00 SIEGE PERILOUS 9 (S Demanuele) Bob Jones 9-0 M Wigham –
111 (9) 6 TISSUE OF LIES 9 (The No Hassle Partnership) M Johnston 9-0 T Williams 73
112 (12) 5032 WARBROOK 11 (J Smith) I Balding 9-0 L Dettori [illegible]
113 (4) 403040 EXACTLY 19 (F Thornton) J Eyre 8-9 R Lappin 67
114 (1) 0 SYLVAN PRINCESS 33 (Four J's Syndicate) C Allen 8-9 T Ives –

BETTING: 2-1 Warbrook, 5-1 Arctic Fancy, 6-1 Benatom, 7-1 Influence Pedler, 8-1 Double Dash, 12-1 others.

1994: DOUBLE ECLIPSE 9-0 J Weaver (9-4 fav) M Johnston 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARCTIC FANCY neck 2nd of 13 to House Of Riches in maiden at Redcar (1m 1f, good) with TISSUE OF LIES 12l 6th and NO MORE HASSLE 15l 9th. BENATOM 11l 7th of 11 to Brilliant Red in maiden at Kempton (7f, good to firm). DOUBLE DASH (foaled Mar 25, cost 12,500 lgns) Half brother by Darshaan to two winners, including juvenile 7f winner Sannkaya. WARBROOK 1l 2nd of 13 to Vanishing Point in nursery here (1m, good). EXACTLY 10¾l 4th of 11 to Ramooz in nursery at York (1m, good to firm).
Selection: WARBROOK

2.45 LEVY BOARD NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,756: 6f) (18 runners)

201 (16) 526332 VERA'S FIRST 51 (B,BF) (Mrs V Mason) G Lewis 9-7 Paul Eddery 91
202 (2) 545 GLOBE RUNNER 58 (G & P Barker Ltd) J J O'Neill 9-6 S D Williams 80
203 (4) 004 IMPECCABLE 11 (Sir Gordon Reece) J Dunlop 9-6 R Hughes –
204 (11) 1430 MIDDLE EAST 23 (F) (T Harell) T Barron 9-6 D McKeown 90
205 (13) 541000 GLADYS ALTHORPE 21 (D,F) (T Ely) J Eyre 9-4 R Lappin 97
206 (5) 63004 GOLDEN POND 10 (J Horgan) R Johnson Houghton 9-2 A McGlone 84
207 (9) 5610 OPENING CHORUS 9 (G) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 9-1 K Darley 96
208 (10) 13543 DEERLY 20 (D,G) (Mrs C Holder) D Morris 9-1 L Dettori 92
209 (12) 001300 INCAPOL 14 (F) (D Belt) M Ryan 9-0 M Baird (5) 92
210 (8) 106400 SILVERDALE KNIGHT 7 (F) (Exors of P White) K Hogg 9-0 A Daly (7) 98
211 (5) 5604 RAPID LINER 58 (D Broderick) A Harrison 9-0 R Cochrane 91
212 (17) 522416 WEETMAN'S WEIGH 41 (F) R Hollinshead 8-13 T Ives 86
213 (6) 504 POLISH SAGA 9 (J Wynn-Williams) M Dods 8-12 T Williams 94
214 (14) 2000 DURALOCK FENCER 16 (Duralock (UK) Ltd) P Murphy 8-11 R Waterfield (7) 98
215 (1) 1046 DANCING RAINBOW 37 (F) (B Adamson) M Camacho 8-10 L Charnock 93
216 (13) 210 THE BUTTERWICK KID 10 (G) (The Butterwick Race Co) R Fahey 8-10 A Culhane [illegible]
217 (15) 003 BAKER 19 (Kingstone Warren Partners) H Candy 8-9 W Newnes 92
218 (7) 000 BURJ 24 (H Al Maktoum) N Graham 8-8 J Reid 93

BETTING: 5-1 Deerly, 8-1 Opening Chorus, 9-1 Weetman's Weigh, 10-1 Vera's First, Rapid Liner, Golden Pond, 14-1 others.

1994: MAKE TIME 8-1 S Lanigan (9-2 fav) J Pearce 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

GLOBE RUNNER 1¾l 5th of 10 to Crissem in maiden auction at Haydock (5f, good to firm). MIDDLE EAST 2l 7th of 17 to Some Horse in nursery at Doncaster (6f, good to soft). GLADYS ALLTHORPE 6½l 7th of 22 to Antonia's Melody in nursery at Nottingham (6f, good to soft). GOLDEN POND 2¾l 4th of 15 to Sammin in nursery at Redcar (7f, good). DEERLY 6½l 3rd of 14 to Concordino in nursery at Yarmouth (7f, good).
Selection: GLADYS ALLTHORPE

3.15 PONTEFRACT APPRENTICE SERIES HANDICAP
(Final round: £3,149: 1m 4f 8yd) (18 runners)

301 (9) 50521 TURNPOLE 59 (F) (W Williams) Mrs M Reveley 4-10-0 M Henry 90
302 (10) 521605 ADMIRALS SECRET 16 (CD,F,G) (B A T S) C Wall 6-9-11 P Clarke (5) [illegible]
303 (11) 145105 MAD MILITANT 11 (D,F,G) (K Nicholls) A Streeter 6-9-11 D Denby 90
304 (15) 3225-00 SECRET SERVICE 17 (J Hanson) J Hanson 3-9-8 G Faulkner 87
305 (2) 20/000-0 EXPRESS GIFT 10 (C,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-8 K Prendergast (7) 90
306 (12) 0062-40 MARCO MAGNIFICO 12J (G,S) (S Bruce) T Dyer 5-9-3 R Mullen (5) 91
307 (7) 630000 VIN ST KOOLA 6 (G) (O Cooper) M Chapman 3-9-3 C Scally 98
308 (16) 350000 WINN'S PRIDE 77 (S) (Mrs W Bailey) R Hollinshead 4-8-9 F Lynch (3) 86
309 (6) 020232 COLOSSE 8 (Diamond Racing Ltd) J Eyre 3-8-9 K Sked (5) 93
310 (13) 401501 CANTON VENTURE 16 (D,G) (Dr Frank Chao) S Woods 3-8-9 J Moon (7) 95
311 (3) 6-01440 ON A PEDESTAL 31 (D,F,G) (H Rushworth) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-6 T Finn (5) 92
312 (14) 404060 MODEST HOPE 2 (CD,BF,F,G) B Richmond 8-8-4 Gaye Harwood (3) 97
313 (4) 211365 INSTANTANEOUS 16 (D,BF,F,G) (R Griffen) M H Easterby 3-8-4 G Mitchell 92
314 (6) 0/40200- ALTOBY 404 (A Eardley) E Alston 4-8-4 B Halligan (5) 89
315 (1) 066000- FAIR AND FANCY 182J (R Mottor) D Nicholls 4-8-2 Jo Hunnam (3) 85
316 (5) 410342 WOTTASHAMBLES 25 (D,F,G) (Dream On Racing) L Montague Hall 4-8-2 A Daly 94
317 (17) 550034 ACHILLES HEEL 7 (D,G) (Four J's Syndicate) C Allen 4-8-1 Martin Dwyer 95
318 (18) 40000-0 FRED'S DELIGHT 121J (V) (I Harris) Mrs V Aconley 4-7-13 J Bramhill (5) –

BETTING: 4-1 Turnpole, 7-1 Canton Venture, 8-1 Admirals Secret, Wottashambles, 10-1 Achilles Heel, Mad Militant, 12-1 others.

1994: ASHOVER 4-7-10 Kimberley Hart (7-1) T Barron 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

TURNPOLE beat Bardia neck in 5-runner handicap at Redcar (1m 3f, firm). COLOSSE 3l 2nd of 9 to Leading Spirit in handicap at Hamilton (1m 4f, good). CANTON VENTURE beat Tovench 2½l in 12-runner handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 4f, standard). ON A PEDESTAL best recent effort 4l 4th of 8 to Ball Gown in handicap at Doncaster (1m 4f, good). MODEST HOPE 6l 7th of 12 to Sammersby in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 4f, standard). WOTTASHAMBLES 1½l 2nd of 10 to Kasifh Homm in handicap at Folkestone (1m 4f, good to firm). ACHILLES HEEL 6½l 4th of 16 to Ayunli in handicap at Hamilton (1m 4f, good).
Selection: WOTTASHAMBLES

3.45 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO HANDICAP
(£3,992: 2m 1f 22yd) (20 runners)

401 (1) 532552 PARADISE NAVY 7 (G) (Elite Racing Club) C Egerton 6-10-0 R Hughes 97
402 (8) 8200-31 ROBERTY LEA 160 (CD,F,G,S) (Wentdale Const) Mrs M Reveley 7-10-0 K Darley 91
403 (10) 6100/2-0 FIVE TO SEVEN 19 (G,S) (Five to Seven Part'ship) C Thornton 6-9-10 G Pears (3) 87
404 (12) 45-2101 INCHCAILLOCH 122 (D,F,G,S) (F Carter) J King 6-9-9 Paul Eddery 93
405 (13) 120112 BRODESSA 14 (BF,F) (R Jevon) Mrs M Reveley 9-9-9 S Copp (7) 89
406 (6) 453416 BRUMON 17 (V,F,G) (M Flynn) T Dyer 4-9-5 M Fenton 95
407 (18) 00-2411 UNCHANGED 12 (F,S) (W Simmonds) C Brittain 3-9-4 M Roberts 96
408 (3) 535 REEM DUBAI 33 (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 3-9-4 L Dettori 95
409 (14) 5060 OUR KRIS 9 (K Buchanan) G Harwood 3-8-11 A Clark 90
410 (17) 143353 HARRY WELSH 18 (V,F) (J Vasicek) K McAuliffe 3-8-7 J Weaver 97
411 (19) 620230- ALCIAN BLUE 306 (Rylnfeld Thoroughbred) M Hammond 4-8-5 D R McCabe (3) 94
412 (3) 041100 TOP PRIZE 17 (V,F,G) (Northgate Lodge Racing Ltd) M Brittain 7-8-0 J Lowe [illegible]
413 (7) 6230-00 CROWTHER HOMES 9 (Mrs S Barclay) E Alston 5-8-0 T Williams 88
414 (16) 033-005 MOONSHINE DANCER 16 (P Colquhoun) Mrs M Reveley 5-7-13 D Denby (7) 96
415 (4) 00300/0 TOUR LEADER 18 (P Jones) R Buckler 6-7-12 Dale Gibson –
416 (15) 080311 GREEK NIGHT OUT 16 (F,G) (Sunpak Potatoes) J Eyre 4-7-9 N Varley (3) 95
417 (11) 214230 ARIAN SPIRIT 17 (F,G) (M West) J Eyre 4-7-7 L Charnock 96
418 (5) 0-06283 BOBBY'S DREAM 16 (Mrs P Kalman) M Tompkins 3-7-7 N Carlisle 95
419 (9) 561260 FOOLS OF PRIDE 16 (G) (L Morgan) R Hollinshead 3-7-7 M Henry (5) 87
420 (20) 340422 DON'T CRY 40 (E Incisa) E Incisa 7-7-7 Kim Tinkler 84

Long handicap: Fools Of Pride 6-13, Don't Cry 6-6.

BETTING: 5-1 Roberty Lea, 6-1 Inchcailloch, 7-1 Unchanged, 8-1 Brodessa, 10-1 Paradise Navy, Brumon, 12-1 Five To Seven, Moonshine Dancer, 14-1 others.

1994: AMBUSCADE 8-8-10 J Fortune (3-1 fav) E Alston 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

PARADISE NAVY 2½l 2nd of 14 to Greycoat Boy in handicap at Bath (2m 1f, good to firm). ROBERTY LEA beat Noulari ½l in 13-runner handicap over course and distance (good). INCHCAILLOCH beat French Ivy ¾l in 14-runner handicap at Bath (2m 1f, good) with PARADISE NAVY (6lb better off) 2l 3rd. BRODESSA 1¼l 2nd of 6 to Elementary in claimer at Edinburgh (1m 7f, good). BRUMON beat Chez Catalan neck in 8-runner handicap at Warwick (2m, firm) on penultimate start with HARRY WELSH (8lb better off) 15l 5th. UNCHANGED completed double, beat French Ivy ½l in 11-runner handicap at Chester (2m, good to soft). REEM DUBAI best effort when about 6l 5th of 7 to Jellaby Ashkr in maiden at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm). HARRY WELSH head and 4l 3rd of 19 to All The Joys in handicap at Lingfield (1m 6f, soft) with TOUR LEADER (5lb better off) 22l 10th. GREEK NIGHT OUT beat Can She Can Can 2½l in 19-runner handicap at Catterick (2m, good) with BOBBY'S DREAM (3lb better off) short-head 3rd and MOONSHINE DANCER (6lb better off) about 1¼l 5th.
Selection: UNCHANGED

4.15 BUCCOO REEF CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,231: 6f) (18 runners)

501 (10) 0-54000 THICK AS THIEVES 24 (D,F,G) (Mrs Hague) Ronald Thompson 8-11 S D Williams 83
502 (1) 215000 FANTASY RACING 4 (D,F,G,S) (Aldridge Racing Ltd) M Channon 8-9 R Hughes 98
503 (18) 111403 DELIGHT OF DAWN 14 (CD,F,G) (K Ivory) K Ivory 8-8 C Scally (7) [illegible]
504 (16) 520-405 ROCKCRACKER 181 (B,D,F) (R Hambro) R Charlton 8-8 K Darley 80
505 (15) 604000 COOL TACTICIAN 16 (D,G) (J Graham) R Hollinshead 8-7 W Ryan 78
506 (9) 44-0 JOLLY HOKEY 20 (Mrs V McGeough) J Wharton 8-6 A Clark –
507 (3) 356120 SECOND CELLO 20 (F) (Mrs T Hinde) D Morris 8-6 L Dettori 86
508 (6) 652600 SYLVANDRA 21 (D,G) (Mrs P Wyatt) P Murphy 8-5 J Williams 97
509 (8) 000600 SAINT AMIGO 31 (S) (E Rickmond) J Eyre 8-5 M Roberts 77
510 (7) 252002 KOMIAMAITE 102 (Mrs Z Grant) S Bowring 8-4 C Teague (5) 82
511 (14) 050500 NOOR EL HOUDAH 21 (D,F,S) (B Kelany) J Berry 8-3 J Carroll 84
512 (5) 340400 RUSSIAN HEROINE 32 (F,G,S) (Kroeweswa Part'ship) M Johnston 8-2 T Williams 98
513 (2) 041009 PENNY'S WISHING 14 (D,G) (K Penningten) J Leigh 8-0 P Fessey (5) 85
514 (11) 04200 NEVER SUCH BLISS 110 (D Shirley) J Bethell 7-13 N Carlisle 91
515 (12) 221530 ROSA BONHEUR 21 (D,G) (Mrs M Taylor) M Jarvis 7-13 N Varley (3) 94
516 (17) 040000 ROTHERFIELD PARK 14 (G) (Miss R Dean) C Smith 7-13 N Adams 89
517 (13) 600409 HAVANA MISS 14 (D,S) (Mrs L Hedlund) B Palling 7-12 M Henry (5) 80
518 (4) 2-42100 HI ROCK 21 (D,F) (Filey Hi Flyers) M Camacho 7-12 L Charnock 88

BETTING: 5-1 Delight Of Dawn, 6-1 Rockcracker, 7-1 Fantasy Racing, Russian Heroine, 8-1 Thick As Thieves, 10-1 Second Cello, 12-1 others.

1994: FRISKY MISS 8-6 G Carter (4-1) J Berry 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

FANTASY RACING 3½l 8th of 13 to Knayton Lass in apprentice jockeys' handicap at Redcar (6f, good) on penultimate start. DELIGHT OF DAWN 1½l 3rd of 19 to Arzoo in claimer at Leicester (6f, soft) with HAVANA MISS (2lb better off) 5¾l 8th and PENNY'S WISHING (4lb better off) 2l 10th. ROCKCRACKER about 2½l 5th of 19 to Denbrae in handicap at Nottingham (6f, good). SECOND CELLO head 2nd of 4 to Colperse Moll in handicap at Yarmouth (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. KOMIAMAITE neck and 4l 3rd of 14 to Corona Guest in apprentice jockeys' selling handicap at Southwell (AW, 7f) with NOOR EL HOUDAH (8lb worse off) 17l 13th. RUSSIAN HEROINE best recent effort when 4l 4th of 13 to En Attendant in handicap at Chester (7f, good to firm). NEVER SUCH BLISS best recent effort when ½l 2nd of 10 to Three Stops in maiden at Beverley (5f, good to firm).
Selection: DELIGHT OF DAWN

4.45 MARAVAL HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,845: 1m 4yd) (19 runners)

601 (8) 131533 NORDINEX 30 (D,F,G) (R Arcas) R Armstrong 9-7 L Dettori 91
602 (12) 0-0310 ROSEBERRY RAY 19 (B,D,F) (Mrs N Bosher) G Wragg 9-5 M Hills 89
603 (11) 160 MARGUERITE BAY 9 (V,F) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 9-5 J Tate 88
604 (15) 212400 SHINEROLLA 23 (CD,F,G) (Mrs A Ues) Mrs J Ramsden 9-4 J Reid 86
605 (10) 401003 ELPIDOS 16 (D,F,G) (The Dangerous Company Ltd) C Brittain 9-4 M Roberts 94
606 (5) 321 FAR AHEAD 13 (D,S) (Sunpak Potatoes) J Eyre 9-3 R Lappin 83
607 (14) 601U00 MOUNTGATE 9 (G) (J Coupland) M Bielby 8-13 D R McCabe (3) 90
608 (1) 006350 FORZAIR 30 (Charterhouse Holdings Plc) S Bowring 8-11 C Teague (5) 89
609 (2) 003 ALZOOMO 13 (L Jackson) J Glover 8-10 S D Williams 82
610 (4) 203246 SEVENTEENS LUCKY 40 (D Cameron) Bob Jones 8-10 R Cochrane 90
611 (9) 253610 THREE ARCH BRIDGE 8 (B,D,F,G) (R Pittwell) M Johnston 8-7 T Williams 92
612 (7) 413256 ELITE RACING 37 (D,F) (Elite Racing Club) N Tinkler 8-4 W Carson [illegible]
613 (13) 535056 EVAN 'ELP US 19 (B,G) (E Ashton) J Eyre 8-3 N Varley (3) 91
614 (3) 00465 TRUE BALLAD 11J (Mrs L Dyer) T Dyer 8-2 M Fenton –
615 (6) 05-0050 EL DON 5 (D Morris) M Ryan 7-10 M Baird (5) 90
616 (16) 032602 SHINING EDGE 10 (G Graham) M H Easterby 7-9 J Lowe 92

BETTING: 5-1 Far Ahead, 6-1 Roseberry Ray, 7-1 Elpidos, 8-1 Nordinex, Shinerolla, 10-1 Shining Edge, Elite Racing, 12-1 others.

1994: CALDER KING 8-3 J Fortune (12-1) J Eyre 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

NORDINEX 3½l 3rd of 15 to Concer Un in handicap at Kempton (1m, good) with ELPIDOS 15½l 12th. ROSEBERRY RAY beat Talented Ting 1½l in 5-runner handicap at Hamilton (1m 65yd, firm) on penultimate start. SHINEROLLA best recent effort when 5l 4th of 12 to Talented Ting in handicap at Hamilton (1m 65yd, firm). ELPIDOS head and 2½l 3rd of 20 to Almond Rock in handicap at Newbury (1m, good to soft). FAR AHEAD beat Northern Fan 1¼l in 13-runner maiden at Nottingham (1m, good to soft) with ALZOOMO (7lb better off) 3l 3rd. SEVENTEENS LUCKY about 1½l 4th of 9 to Dawalib in handicap at Kempton (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. THREE ARCH BRIDGE best recent effort, beat Racing Brenda 2¼l in handicap at Beverley (1m 100yd, good) with EVAN 'ELP US (8lb better off) 4½l 6th. ELITE RACING best recent effort when ½l 2nd of 7 to Gentle Irony in claimer at Epsom (1m 114yd, good).
Selection: FAR AHEAD (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	15	35	42.9	S Copp	4	9	44.4
J Dunlop	10	32	31.3	W Carson	11	38	28.9
M Ryan	6	20	30.0	J Reid	8	28	28.6
A Stewart	8	30	26.7	L Dettori	24	113	21.2
G Harwood	5	21	23.8	W Ryan	18	88	20.5
J Gosden	7	32	21.9	A McGlone	4	24	15.8

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

5.15 CARONI MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,810: 1m 4yd) (18 runners)

1 (11) 4 ANGUS-G 13 (W Gözel) Mrs M Reveley 9-0 K Darley 80
2 (17) 00 BEAUCHIEF 140 (T Roberts) R Marvin 9-0 S Drowne (3) 58
3 (9) 52606 DUKE VALENTINO 13 (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 9-0 T Ives 78
4 (2) 40 FATEHALKHAIR 17 (Mrs G Smith) B Ellison 9-0 T Williams 70
5 (10) FIRE THE ANVIL (J Dunlop) J Dunlop 9-0 R Hughes –
6 (6) 5330 IHTIMAAM 65 (Upex Electrical Distributors Ltd) Mrs A Swinbank 9-0 N Connorton 85
7 (1) 26-0055 NERO KRIS 13 (O Pedroni) P Kelleway 9-0 M Wigham 82
8 (16) 03-522 NORTHERN FAN 13 (S Cormas Ltd) A Stewart 9-0 M Roberts 88
9 (12) 322234 RAISE THE STAKES 12 (J Smith) I Balding 9-0 R Cochrane 98
10 (4) SHAMOKIN (Marson Investments Ltd) F Watson 9-0 J Weaver –
11 (13) 506-6 YAVERLAND 13 (Mrs B Blackwell) C Dwyer 9-0 J Reid 74
12 (18) 6 CADDICAN 16 (Paul Caddick (Holdings) Plc) R Betts 8-9 W Ryan 77
13 (5) 2 CASHMERE LADY 18 (Mrs S Howe) J Eyre 8-9 R Lappin 91
14 (7) CLEARLY DEVIOUS (S Boles) J Fanshawe 8-9 D Harrison –
15 (14) 0 CROWNING TINO 13 (Sandown Park Stud) Mrs N Macauley 8-9 C Teague (5) –
16 (15) LA ALLA WA ASA (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 8-9 L Dettori –
17 (8) 006 LADY NASH 97 (Mrs J Costelloe) C Brittain 8-9 S Hatakeyama [illegible]
18 (3) 04 LANCERETTE 17 (Sir John Swaine) N Graham 8-9 M Rimmer 92

BETTING: 7-2 Lancerette, 4-1 La Alla Wa Asa, 5-1 Raise The Stakes, 7-1 Northern Fan, 10-1 Ihtimaam, 14-1 Angus-G, Nero Kris, 20-1 others.

1994: CURRENT SPEECH 9-0 A Culhane (8-1) J Hanson 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

FIRE THE ANVIL, Third foal, by Chilibang, half-brother to useful winning stayer Hazlestone Brook; dam multiple winning stayer. IHTIMAAM 4¾l 3rd of 7 to Code Of Law in Ayr maiden (1m, good) on penultimate start. NORTHERN FAN 1¼l 2nd of 13 to Far Ahead in Nottingham maiden (1m, good to soft) with ANGUS-G 3¾l 4th, NERO KRIS 3l 5th, DUKE VALENTINO 1¼l 6th, YAVERLAND 9l 7th and CROWNING TINO 18l 10th. RAISE THE STAKES about 3¾l 4th of 13 to Confronter in Brighton handicap (1m, good). CASHMERE LADY 3½l 2nd of 11 to Azdihaar in Catterick maiden (7f, good) with CADDICAN 8l 6th. LA ALLA WA ASA: Brother by Alzao to smart 6f-1m performer Aldbourne; dam sprint placed. LANCERETTE 5¾l 4th of 19 to Tamnia in Newbury maiden (1m, good to soft) with FATEHALKHAIR 13¾l 10th.
Selection: NORTHERN FAN

□ Attendances at yesterday's two meetings pleased racecourse executives. The crowd at Brighton exceeded predictions, with 5,200 adults plus 2,000 children. At Haydock, the crowd was about 10,000. "We were hoping for between 3,000 and 4,000," Richard Thomas, the general manager, said.

TRAINERS	1st	2nd	3rd	Runs since win	Level stakes
J Dunlop	109	80	84	1	-98.83
M Johnston	102	105	85	7	-92.89
R Hannon	97	111	96	2	-285.00
J Gosden	74	53	47	3	-38.67
P Cole	70	55	61	1	-43.55
M Channon	69	68	66	5	-106.06
M Stoute	68	65	51	3	-78.79
J Berry	68	67	79	1	-319.56
H Cecil	65	65	34	1	-59.84
B Hills	63	53	54	1	-103.30
Mrs M Reveley	63	60	59	3	-188.39
Mrs J Ramsden	53	56	31	18	-55.85
R Hollinshead	51	59	78	15	-193.15
R Akehurst	49	49	44	25	-121.44
C Brittain	45	40	63	1	-26.77

JOCKEYS	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
L Dettori	195	149	127	9	-99.82
J Weaver	198	126	116	0	-152.15
K Darley	183	113	109	3	-107.29
W Carson	129	77	84	3	-119.83
Pat Eddery	105	73	61	3	-90.40
T Quinn	102	91	98	0	-178.24
R Cochrane	93	88	64	27	-133.51
J Reid	85	84	70	10	-128.10
K Fallon	84	92	84	1	-14.82
W Ryan	77	81	64	4	-144.50
J Carroll	73	72	62	62	-161.92
D Holland	71	80	59	10	+10.20
G Carter	62	63	72	26	-232.80
M Hills	61	47	54	0	+49.38
M Roberts	59	37	47	11	+25.28

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Brighton
Going: good

2.15 (7f 214yd) 1, Naval Gazer (D R McCabe, 7-4 fav); 2, The Boozing Brief (7-1); 3, Present Arms (4-1). 7 ran. NR: Sterling Fellow. 1½l, ¾l. D Loder. Tote: £3.10; £1.70, £2.30. DF: £17.50. CSF: £12.49.

2.45 (6f 209yd) 1, Al Shafa (D R McCabe, 5-1); 2, Dairy Risk (11-1); 3, Proud Monk (11-4 fav). 7 ran. NR: Rhumba Dancer, White Whispers. 3l, 1l. J Dunlop. Tote: £4.60; £2.50, £3.00. DF: £52.50. Trio: £41.30. CSF: £46.30. Tricast: £153.86.

3.15 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, Casual Water (M Henry, 9-1); 2, Better Offer (7-2 fav); 3, Silktail (14-1). 11 ran. Nk, ¾l. A Newcombe. Tote: £10.60; £2.60, £1.60, £6.90. DF: £18.90. Trio: £128.30. CSF: £39.06. Tricast: £408.82. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

4.00 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, Ottavio Farnese (W Woods, 15-8 fav); 2, Urania (13-2); 3, Guest Alliance (33-1). 7 ran. 3½l, 4l. A Hide. Tote: £3.40; £2.00, £2.70. DF: £8.90. CSF: £12.41.

4.30 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, Domitia (Mrs A Perrett, 7-2); 2, Water Hazard (6-1); 3, No Pattern (9-2). Red Light 9-4 fav. 8 ran. 1¼l, nk. M Bell. Tote: £4.40; £1.70, £1.30, £2.10. DF: £9.30. CSF: £22.28. Tricast: £84.22. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

5.00 (6f 209yd) 1, Crystal Heights (S Sanders, 14-1); 2, Morocco (20-1); 3, Linger (8-1). Jo Maximus 15-8 fav. 11 ran. NR: Napoleon Star. Hd, 3l. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £10.70; £2.50, £5.60, £2.10. DF: £54.40. Trio: £138.00. CSF: £219.82.

5.30 (5f 59yd) 1, Bowden Rose (M Baird, 6-1 jt-fav); 2, Domicksky (10-1); 3, Pearl Dawn (6-1 jt-fav). Halbert 6-1 jt-fav. 12 ran. 2l, hd. M Blanshard. Tote: £7.60; £2.80, £2.90, £2.30. DF: £28.40. Trio: £105.50. CSF: £55.81. Tricast: £336.44.

Placepot: £834.70. Quadpot: not won (pool of £141.20 carried forward to Pontefract today).

Haydock Park
Going: soft, heavy in places

2.00 (5f) 1, Hear The Music (R Hughes, 9-2); 2, Whittle Rock (6-1); 3, Amany (11-8 fav). 5 ran. NR: Oh Whataknight. 7l, hd. B Hills. Tote: £5.60; £2.20, £2.40. DF: £16.10. CSF: £24.90.

2.30 (1m 3f 200yd) 1, Lord Hastie (S Maloney, 11-2); 2, Kalou (8-1); 3, Sunderland Echo (8-1). Embryonic 4-1 fav. 13 ran. 5l, 6l. C Thornton. Tote: £5.80; £1.50, £2.90, £2.30. DF: £20.30. Trio: £36.40. CSF: £48.00. Tricast: £329.67.

3.00 (6f) 1, Charlie Sillett (J O Smith, 10-1, Richard Evans's nap); 2, Little Ibnr (14-1); 3, First Veil (16-1); 4, It's Academic (9-2 fav). 23 ran. NR: Champagne Grandy. 3l, hd. B Hills. Tote: £16.40; £3.80, £9.80, £1.80. DF: £268.30. Trio: £2,356.70. CSF: £151.54. Tricast: £2,090.02. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

3.30 (1m 2f 120yd) 1, Snow Princess (R Hills, 9-2); 2, Shining Example (6-1); 3, Exemption (10-1). Current Speech 9-4 fav. 9 ran. NR: Beaumont. Sh hd, ¾l. Lord Huntingdon. Tote: £5.50; £2.10, £1.40, £3.40. DF: £10.40. Trio: £82.10. CSF: £30.92.

4.15 (1m 30yd) 1, Ron's Secret (R Hughes, Evens fav); 2, Bollin Frank (11-4); 3, Ninia (5-2). 3 ran. NR: Marocco, Percy Parrot. ¾l, 12l. J Payne. Tote: £1.80. DF: £1.80. CSF: £3.38.

4.45 (7f 30yd) 1, Carburton (Paul Eddery, 9-4 fav); 2, Crystal Falls (11-2); 3, Desert Cat (3-1). 14 ran. NR: Callaloo, Wholthehellsharry. ¾l, 1½l. J Glover. Tote: £3.20; £1.40, £2.10, £1.80. DF: £8.10. Trio: £7.70. CSF: £16.07.

Jackpot: £30,853.20 (part won; pool of £22,596.76 carried forward to Pontefract today).

Placepot: £284.90. Quadpot: £22.20.

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RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S SEVEN MEETINGS

Newmarket
Going: good to firm

1.50 (7f) 1, Ruznama (W Carson, 11-8 fav, Thunderer's nap); 2, Obsessive (5-2); 3, Fag End (14-1). 6 ran. 2½l, 3l. B Hills. Tote: £2.00; £1.40, £1.60. DF: £2.10. CSF: £4.73.

2.20 (7f) 1, Samah (C Nakatani, 11-1); 2, Broughtons Turmoil (16-1); 3, Cool Edge (12-1); 4, Delta Soleil (12-1). Jibereen 9-2 fav. 30 ran. Nk, ¾l. D Nicholls. Tote: £22.80; £5.60, £7.90, £2.20, £3.20. DF: £334.80. Trio: £1,932.30 (part won; pool of £1,386.04 carried forward to 3.00 at Haydock yesterday). CSF: £178.62. Tricast: £2,014.62.

2.55 (1m 2f) 1, Warning Shadows (K Darley, 6-1); 2, Flagbird (4-6 fav); 3, Poppy Carew (9-2). 7 ran. Hd, 3l. C Brittain. Tote: £6.90; £2.40, £1.30. DF: £3.30. CSF: £9.85.

3.35 (1m 1f) 1, Cap Juluca (R Hughes, 11-1); 2, Ball Gown (16-1); 3, Hunters Of Brora (25-1); 4, Show Faith (33-1). Youshi 8-1 fav. 39 ran. Nk, 1¼l, hd. R Charlton at Beckhampton. Tote: £12.60; £4.00, £3.20, £7.40, £11.10. DF: £100.10. Trio: £2,214.80. CSF: £172.93. Tricast: £3,970.49.

4.10 (2m) 1, Further Flight (M Hills, 5-2); 2, Assessor (14-1); 3, Double Eclipse (6-4 fav). 8 ran. 2½l, nk. B Hills. Tote: £3.20; £1.40, £2.60, £1.20. DF: £29.50. CSF: £30.31.

4.45 (6f) 1, King Of Peru (J Tate, 9-1); 2, Amber Fort (6-1); 3, Missile Toe (14-1); 4, Unsold (16-1). Creative Account 7-2 fav. 16 ran. 2½l, sh hd. A Jarvis. Tote: £10.10; £2.40, £1.70, £3.70, £3.30. DF: £39.40. Trio: £282.80. CSF: £61.04. Tricast: £707.64. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

5.15 (6f) 1, Polish Spring (M Hills, 8-1); 2, Onefortheditch (7-1); 3, Jezyah (13-2). Phantom Creek 11-8 fav. 17 ran. 1l, 2½l. B Hills. Tote: £14.40; £3.20, £2.90, £2.00. DF: £56.80. Trio: £177.30. CSF: £62.03.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £33,212.80 was carried forward to Haydock yesterday).

Placepot: £78.50. Quadpot: £11.10.

Chepstow

2.00 1, The Last Fling (3-1 fav); 2, Platini (7-1); 3, Emallen (8-1). 14 ran.

2.35 1, Linden's Lotto (6-4 fav); 2, With Impunity (13-8); 3, Candle King (33-1). 5 ran. NR: Bramblehill Buck.

3.10 1, Romancer (6-1); 2, New Inn (8-1); 3, Clifton Beat (6-1). Kandyan 3-1 fav. 10 ran.

3.45 1, Straight Talk (9-2); 2, James Pigg (7-4 fav); 3, Mutual Trust (7-2). 9 ran.

4.20 1, Call Equiname (11-8 fav); 2, Speedwell Prince (2-1); 3, Frozen Sea (8-1). 14 ran.

4.50 1, Future King (6-4 fav); 2, Tenayestelign (8-1); 3, Chris's Glen (11-1). 8 ran. NR: Land Of The Free. £13.50.

Haydock Park

2.05 1, Dance So Suite (8-1); 2, Highfield Fizz (13-2); 3, Hebooh Alshemaal (13-2); 4, Tessajoe (5-1). Mild Dancer 6-1 fav. 17 ran.

2.40 1, Ballymac Girl (12-1); 2, Amiarge (12-1); 3, My Rossini (13-2); 4, Euro Singer (7-1). Boundary Express 6-1 fav. 17 ran.

3.10 1, Bee Health Boy (20-1); 2, Mister Joel (16-1); 3, The Imps (7-1); 4, Rattle (20-1). Red Acuisle 6-1 fav. 24 ran.

3.40 1, Inherent Magic (16-1); 2, Fire Dome (6-1); 3, Takadou (5-2). Katya 3-4 fav. 6 ran.

4.15 1, Classic Romance (7-1); 2, Sally Girl (3-1); 3, Merbel (7-4 fav). 7 ran.

4.50 1, Repatriate (55-40 fav); 2, Chalice (25-1); 3, Kazimera (9-4). 10 ran.

5.20 1, Azdihaar (5-1 jt-fav); 2, Chantry Bellini (12-1); 3, Kannska (9-1). Princess Maxine 5-1 jt-fav. 12 ran.

Goodwood

2.15 1, Queen's Insignia (11-2); 2, Goodwood Rocket (9-4 fav); 3, Welcome Royale (12-1). 10 ran. NR: Roman Gold.

2.45 1, Neverending (11-2); 2, Youdontsay (16-1); 3, Sea Thunder (7-1). Actual Fact 4 fav. 11 ran.

3.20 1, Kristal's Paradise (9-4 fav); 2, Shonara's Way (11-2); 3, Moonlight Quest (12-1). 7 ran.

3.55 1, Inzar (5-1); 2, Mutakddim (6-1); 3, Myself (11-1). Branston Abby 7-4 fav. 10 ran.

4.25 1, Reverie (2-1 fav); 2, Nash Terrace (14-1); 3, Nimette (3-1). 9 ran. NR: Kalabo.

4.55 1, Trafalgar Lady (7-1); 2, Mimosa (25-1); 3, Murrends (4-6 fav). 7 ran.

5.25 1, Tribal Peace (7-1); 2, Lady Sabina (13-2); 3, Rising Spray (14-1). Lady Lacey 3-1 fav. 13 ran.

Wolverhampton

7.00 1, Sweet Nature (4-1); 2, Thordis (9-4 fav); 3, Wire Act (14-1). 12 ran.

7.30 1, Spencer's Revenge (6-1); 2, Gentle Irony (25-1); 3, What A Nightmare (13-2). Sweet Supposin 5-4 fav. 11 ran. NR: David James' Girl.

8.00 1, Sommersby (5-1 jt-fav); 2, Environmentalist (5-1 jt-fav); 3, Tremendisto (11-2). North Ardar 5-1 jt-fav. 12 ran.

8.30 1, Sudden Spin (11-4 fav); 2, Brave Princess (13-2); 3, Heathyards Lady (9-2). 13 ran.

9.00 1, Don't Tell Anyone (9-1); 2, Frances Mary (14-1); 3, Charterhouse Xpres (5-1). Wingnut 9-4 fav. 12 ran. NR: Monrestar.

9.30 1, Cretan Gift (9-2); 2, King Rambo (3-1 fav); 3, Pursuance (7-1). 12 ran. NR: Legatee.

Kelso

2.30 1, Nonios (3-1); 2, Desert Fighter (11-8 fav); 3, Monkey Wench (8-1). 9 ran. NR: Ribbon Lady.

3.00 1, Vavasir (5-1); 2, Kilmor Lad (4-5 fav); 3, Bosworth Field (9-2). 5 ran.

3.30 1, Sharp Sensation (3-1); 2, Faal Mario (4-6 fav); 3, Tapatch (7-2). 4 ran.

4.00 1, Side Of Hill (14-1); 2, Spanish Fair (8-11 fav); 3, Rusty Blade (4-1). 4 ran.

4.30 1, Hee's A Dancer (16-1); 2, Royal Expression (10-11 fav); 3, Dona Wet (7-2). 8 ran.

5.00 1, Hit The Canvas (10-11 fav); 2, Master Bavard (3-1); 3, Mister Hunter (10-1). 6 ran.

Uttoxeter

2.30 1, Pampered Guest (7-2 jt-fav); 2, Moving Out (5-1); 3, Precipice Run (12-1). Couture Stockings 7-2 jt-fav. 8 ran. NR: Amazon Express.

3.00 1, All Clear (11-8 fav); 2, Zahid (7-2); 3, Bee Dee Best (10-1). 14 ran. NR: Mutos, Technological Risk.

3.30 1, Seal King (7-1); 2, Banntown Bill (5-1); 3, Long Reach (25-1). Lucky Dollar 7-4 fav. 11 ran.

4.00 1, General Rusty (9-4 jt-fav); 2, Badastan (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Strong Medicine (5-1). 9 ran.

4.30 1, Eskimo Nel (7-2); 2, Selwan (7-2); 3, Windward Ariom (11-1). Serious Danger 3-1 fav. 7 ran. NR: Dangor Baby, Hacketts Cross.

5.00 1, Glenot (7-4 fav); 2, Toureen Prince (15-8); 3, Iffeee (33-1). 5 ran.

5.30 1, Mr Mulligan (11-2); 2, Sprung Rhythm (7-4 fav); 3, All Clap Hands (33-1). 15 ran.

FONTWELL PARK

THUNDERER

2.30 Fairy Park. 3.00 Punch's Hotel. 3.30 Magsood. 4.00 Wild Strawberry. 4.30 Charged. 5.00 Jimmy's Cross.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 WILD STRAWBERRY.

GOING: GOOD SIS

2.30 LANGSTONE CONSERVATIVE CLUB NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,103: 2m 6f) (7 runners)

1 36-5 PALACE PARADE 10 N Ayliffe 5-11-2 Mr J Culloty (7) 74
2 523- PERSIAN VIEW 145 K Bailey 5-11-0 N Williamson 73
3 000/ SARAZAR 51F (B) R Akehurst 6-11-0 S Ryan (7) –
4 000- CREDIT CONTROLLER 4F J Ffitch-Heyes 6-10-12 B Fenton (5) –
5 351F RELKONI 25 (F) H Manners 8-10-12 M Appleby 75
6 3111 FAIRY PARK 10 (D,F,G,S) H Oliver 10-10-10 Jacqui Oliver [illegible]
7 10-0 CLOWATER LADY 17 (F) R Rowe 6-10-9 D O'Sullivan –

4-5 Fairy Park, 9-2 Persian View, 5-1 Relkoni, 8-1 Sarazar, 10-1 Palace Parade, Clowater Lady, 20-1 Credit Controller.

3.00 GEMINI PRESS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,406: 2m 6f) (10)

1 04P- CALAPAEZ 206 (C,F,G,S) Miss B Sanders 11-12-0 A Maguire –
2 1213 GONE BY 26 (B,C,BF,F,G) J Jenkins 7-11-10 C Rae (7) 83
3 613- ESPRIT DE FEMME 149 (CD,F) D Browning 9-11-9 L Aspell (7) 93
4 P2-4 PUNCH'S HOTEL 21 (B,C,F,S) R Rowe 10-11-2 D O'Sullivan 96
5 515/ STRONG JOHN 509 (F,G) G Hubbard 7-10-13 K Gaule (3) –
6 210- GLENCARRIG GALE 149 (F) D Gosnell 7-10-11 Peter Hobbs 98
7 0431 RULING DYNASTY 21 (B,CD,F,G,S) M Usher 11-10-7 W McFarland 91
8 6P42 DWADME 21 (B,F,S) R O'Sullivan 10-10-6 N Williamson 91
9 63-3 ROGER'S PAL 21 (G,S) A Moore 8-10-6 B Powell [illegible]
10 P61- BLAKE'S WONDER 188 (D,F) R Alner 5-10-0 J R Kavanagh 80

3-1 Gone By, 5-1 Calapaez, Esprit De Femme, 6-1 Dwadme, 7-1 Ruling Dynasty, 8-1 Punch's Hotel, Glencarrig Gale, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: K Bailey, 7 winners from 19 runners, 36.8%; R Alner, 11 from 30, 36.7%; P Hobbs, 16 from 52, 30.8%; M Usher, 5 from 18, 27.8%; Miss B Sanders, 7 from 30, 23.3%.

JOCKEYS: Mr P Henley, 3 winners from 6 rides, 50.0%; J Frost, 15 from 73, 20.5%; P Hide, 10 from 54, 18.5%; A P McCoy, 7 from 39, 17.9%; Peter Hobbs, 19 from 108, 17.6%; A Maguire, 25 from 145, 17.2%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Fontwell Park: 2.30 Sarazar, 4.00 Have A Nightcap. Pontefract: 2.45 Vera's First, 4.45 Marguerite Bay, Roseberry Ray.

3.30 FRANK CUNDELL CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,850: 2m 3f) (10)

1 142- BOLD CHOICE 150 (C,F,G,S) R Frost 9-11-10 J Frost 95
2 132- THE WHIP 147 (CD,F,G,S) D Grissell 8-10-7 Peter Hobbs 93
3 P4-3 FIGHTING DAYS 21 (B,C,F,S) A Moore 9-10-3 B Powell [illegible]
4 23P- RAINBOW CASTLE 153 (CD,G) J Gifford 8-10-1 P Hide 92
5 2-12 MAGSOOD 21 (V,CD,F,G) J Mullins 10-10-1 S Curran (3) 90
6 4P2- SURE PRIDE 107F (F,S) A Moore 7-10-0 D Gallagher –
7 114F COURT RAPIER 21 (CD,F,G,S) R Alner 13-10-0 Mr P Henley (7) 85
8 1/0- MASTER COMEDY 169 (B,C,F,S) Miss L Bower 11-10-0 N Williamson –
9 33-5 UPWARD SURGE 17 (F) R Ledger 5-10-0 Mrs N Ledger 76
10 3P5- GREEK WALK 170 (F) R Rowe 8-10-0 D O'Sullivan 79

5-2 Bold Choice, 4-1 The Whip, Rainbow Castle, 5-1 Fighting Days, 7-1 Magsood, 8-1 Sure Pride, 16-1 others.

4.00 SALMON SPRAY CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,898: 2m 2f) (9)

1 4101 HAVE A NIGHTCAP 11 (V,D,F,G,S) N Littmoden 6-11-13 N Williamson 94
2 15-2 PAMPILLO 23 (D,G,S) G Balding 7-11-10 Mr A Balding (7) 90
3 12-1 WILD STRAWBERRY 4 (CD,F,G) Miss B Sanders 6-11-7 (6ex) A Maguire [illegible]
4 4/F3 WINDWARD ARIOM 2 (F,G,S) K Burke 9-11-6 –
5 52/4 DANTE'S VIEW 21 (F) P Hedger 7-11-4 M A Fitzgerald 86
6 63-2 HERE HE COMES 103 (G,S) R Sturge 9-11-4 A P McCoy 90
7 02R- BUSTINELLO 280 (G) G Hubbard 7-10-10 A Thornton 94
8 P83- SCENT OF BATTLE 203 (S) M Rymills 7-10-8 D Skyrme 92
9 430- HONEY VISION 158 D Browning 6-10-0 Peter Hobbs 88

7-4 Wild Strawberry, 7-2 Have A Nightcap, 6-1 Pampillo, Here He Comes, 8-1 Windward Ariom, Bustinello, 10-1 Scent Of Battle, 14-1 others.

4.30 HARRY DUFFEY CHALLENGE TROPHY AMATEUR RIDERS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,422: 3m 2f 110yd) (5)

1 -U35 CHARGED 8 P Hobbs 6-11-10 S Metcalfe (7) 84
2 -48F RIVER RED 58 (F) J White 6-11-7 R Johnson (5) 85
3 3P- QUEEN'S AWARD 142 J Gifford 6-10-13 T McCarthy (7) 83
4 33-4 MY SENOR 10 (S) M Madgwick 6-10-12 J Culloty (7) 82
5 3434 JOHN ROGER 25 H Manners 9-10-8 A Charles-Jones (7) [illegible]

2-1 Charged, 11-4 River Red, 7-2 John Roger, 4-1 Queen's Award, 6-1 My Senor.

5.00 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,869: 2m 2f) (4)

1 P0E- FEVER PITCH 101 R Frost 5-11-0 J Frost 86
2 1S JIMMY'S CROSS 93 (F) G Balding 5-11-0 A P McCoy –
3 80- RUN FOR DANTE 186 G Hubbard 5-11-0 A Maguire [illegible]
4 20- TEE CEE PEE 147 Miss S Williams 4-10-13 S Lyons (3) –

4-5 Jimmy's Cross, 5-2 Fever Pitch, 9-2 Tee Cee Pee, 8-1 Run For Dante.

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Derby and King George winner gilds record with French prize

Lammtarra delivers Arc master-class

FROM RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT
AT LONGCHAMP

THE reserves of courage which enabled Lammtarra to cheat death in the spring yesterday contributed to him being hailed as one of the great horses of modern times when he added the Forte Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe to his midsummer successes in the Derby and King George.

By emulating the achievement in 1971 of Mill Reef, the only other horse to have won the trio of top middle-distances races, the son of Nijinsky has every right to such laurels. To reach racing's peak having raced only once as a two-year-old and, after a serious illness in March, just the three times this year surely entitles him to be regarded as an equine legend.

Not even the mighty Sea Bird, the winner of the Derby and Arc in 1965, can match such a record. Nor can Ribot, Ballymoss and Dancing Brave, who garnered the King George and Arc. No horse has won the Arc with so little racecourse experience.

Despite being unbeaten in his three starts before yesterday, it was that inexperience which was the only major concern of the Godolphin team as they prepared their champion for Europe's middle-distance crown. Sheikh Mohammed, Saeed bin Suroor and Jeremy Noseda knew Lammtarra had improved since Ascot, but what they wanted to avoid was seeing him being caught up in mid-field scrimmaging or getting boxed in by other horses and not knowing how to extricate himself.

For that reason, Lanfranco Dettori made sure that when the gates opened he sat on the tail of Luso, owned by a close friend of Sheikh Mohammed, whose role was to set a strong early pace. Throughout the first mile Dettori was content to wait and then, as the stamina-sapping home straight approached, he kicked for home.

"We knew Lammtarra's great quality is that he stays," he said. "We had to take the sting out of the other horses because we could not afford a sprint. Everyone thought I was crazy to go on at the top of the straight but I know the horse and I knew he would keeping finding more."

From the stands it appeared for a moment that the tactic might backfire as Freedom Cry made a surging run down the centre of the track. The André Fabre-trained runner may have got within a neck of taking the lead, but it was then that Lammtarra called on those reserves which saved his life in the Dubai equine hospital in March when faced with a serious respiratory illness.

Sensing the imminent danger, he surged away from his final pursuer to win by three-quarters of a length. Swain finished two lengths further back in third, with Lando and the Michael Stoute-trained Pure Grain in fourth and fifth.

"This horse is a lion," Dettori said, his voice choking with emotion and tears pouring down his face. "He just wants to win. He's the best horse we have seen for years."

As the popular champion jockey emerged from the tunnel leading from the racecourse to the packed enclosure he must have felt like a gladiator. With an arm raised in triumph, he responded to the cheers of British fans celebrating a first Arc win since Carroll House in 1989 with the most extravagant leap from the saddle. Once his feet touched the ground, he was engulfed by a hug from Sheikh Mohammed, whose eyes burned with pride.

"I think he is a very, very good horse," the world's most powerful owner said. "I have not seen something like this. He is a very strong horse and even when he was sick, he came out of his sickness. He was almost dead but he came through. He is a great horse."

It remains to be seen whether Lammtarra runs in the Breeders' Cup Turf at Belmont Park on October 28, but he will almost certainly be retired at the end of this season and stand at Dalham Hall or Gainsborough Stud in Kentucky.



JULIAN HERBERT

Dettori asks Lammtarra for a renewed effort to hold off his challengers in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp yesterday

3.50 FORTE PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE (Group I: £479,042: 1m 4f)
LAMMTARRA ch c Nijinsky - Snow Bride (Saeed Maktoum Al Maktoum) 3-8-11 L Dettori 1
Freedom Cry b c Soviet Star - Falling Star (D Wildenstein) 4-8-5 O Peslier 2
Swain b c Nashwan - Love Smitten (Sheikh Mohammed) 3-8-11 M J Kinane 3
ALSO RAN: Lando (4th), Pure Grain (5th), Carnegie (6th), Pantpoal (7th), Diplomacy (8th), Caring (9th), Balanchine (10th), El Tenor (11th), Tot Ou Tard (12th), Luso (13th), Strategic Choice (14th), El Embrocador (15th), Sonrise Song (16th). 16 ran. Nk, 2l, 1¼l, 2½l, ½l. S bin Suroor (GB). Pari-mutuel (inc 1fr stake): 3.10; 2.20, 3.90, 4.10. DF: 29.10. 2min 31.80sec.

Hever Golf Rose blossoms again

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT AT LONGCHAMP

WERE she a movie queen, Hever Golf Rose's celebrity status would encompass the furthest reaches of the globe. This extraordinary filly had already triumphed in five different countries: it was the turn of French racegoers to witness her brilliance as she blazed to one of her easiest victories in the group one Prix de l'Abbaye here yesterday.

Her defeat of Cherokee Rose and Eveningperformance captured the rare magic of horse racing. Starting the season in total anonymity, Hever Golf Rose has progressed at a rate way beyond the bounds of expectation. She performed here on the biggest stage of all, silencing the speedsters of Europe with a new-found ruthlessness.

That her home is at Epsom reflects the shifting sands of training's powerbase. Together with her near-neighbour, Lake Coniston, Hever Golf Rose is now poised to carry the British standard in the Breeders' Cup Sprint at Belmont Park. Age compromises the speed of most quadrupeds, but this filly has defied time's passage to reveal unbridled pace. Her official margin of victory — 2½ lengths — bore no testimony to her overwhelming superiority.

Her trainer, Joe Naughton, who has fostered Hever Golf Rose's enthusiasm across thousands of miles of European travel, harboured doubts about how she would cope with what appeared a tough assignment. "She's been on the go since February. I don't know how she does it but I must admit I like what I keep seeing from her."

So rapid has been Hever Golf Rose's metamorphosis that Naughton has yet to contemplate the journey west. "I notice Geoff Lewis has laid down a sharp left-handed gallop for Lake Coniston. I think I'll be ringing him up when I get home to ask if I can use it," quipped the trainer, whose first group one victory this was. "The surface and the turns at Belmont Park don't bother me: it was like that when she won in Sweden."

Hever Golf Rose hoisted the eighth successive victory for Britain in this five-furlong dash. In addition, her eighth seasonal win broke the record for the number of successes for a filly of her age. Given her stomach for the fight, only a fool would ignore her when she turns out in New York later this month. Certainly the New Yorkers will appreciate her attacking style.

Solar Crystal, who employs a similar policy, could not repel the late surge of Miss Tahiti in the Prix Marcel Boussac. Henry Cecil's juvenile eventually forfeiting second place to Shake The Yoke. The other British challengers — Moody's Cat, Caribbean Quest and Sea Spray — all failed to figure. But the day was all about Hever Golf Rose, whose enthusiasm knows no bounds.

LONGCHAMP RESULTS

Saturday

Going: very soft

2.25 (1m 1f 165yd) 1. Flemensfirth (L Dettori), 2. Volochine, 3. Triamus. 7 ran. ½l, 3l. J Gosden (GB). Pari-mutuel (inc 1fr stake): 1.60, 2.00, 2.40. CSF: 34.50

2.55 (2m 4f) 1. Always Earnest (A Badel), 2. Moonax, 3. Nononito. 6 ran. Sh hd, 2½l. Mme M Bollack-Badel. Pari-mutuel: 9.50; 3.00, 1.90. CSF: 35.90.

4.00 (1m 4f 110yd) 1. Russian Snows (M J Kinane), 2. Daraydala, 3. Genovefa. 9 ran. 3l, ¾l. J Oxx (Ire). Pari-mutuel: 1.70; 1.80, 1.60, 1.90. DF: 12.50

Sunday

Going: very soft

2.30 (5f) 1. Hever Golf Rose (J Weaver), 2. Cherokee Rose, 3. Eveningperformance. 12 ran. 2½l, nk. T Naughton (GB). Pari-mutuel (inc 1fr stake): 4.10, 1.60, 1.30. 3.00. DF: 4.50.

3.05 (1m) 1. Miss Tahiti (O Peslier), 2. Shake The Yoke, 3. Solar Crystal. 11 ran. 2l, hd. A Fabre. Pari-mutuel: 11.60, 2.60, 1.70. 2.40. DF: 17.60

4.40 (1m 1f 55yd) 1. Timarida (J Murtagh), 2. Angel In My Heart, 3. Balanika. 11 ran. 2½l, nk. J Oxx (Ire). Pari-mutuel: 3.50 (coupled with Balanika), 2.40, 2.70, 2.60. DF: 40.90.

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SIDNEY: Grand Final: Carlton 141 Geelong 80.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Seattle 4 Texas 3; New York 4 Toronto 3; California 9 Oakland 6, Baltimore 6 Detroit 0, Chicago 4 Minnesota 3; Cleveland 9 Kansas City 2, Boston 11 Milwaukee 9 Saturday: Texas 9 Seattle 2. California 9 Oakland 3, New York 6 Toronto 1. Cleveland 3 Kansas City 2. Baltimore 12 Detroit 0. Boston 9 Milwaukee 1. Minnesota 7 Chicago 6.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Chicago 4 Houston 3 San Francisco 10 Colorado 7. San Diego 6 Los Angeles 5. Florida 5 Philadelphia 2 Cincinnati 14 Montreal 9 New York 6 Atlanta 3 St Louis 3 Pittsburgh 2 Saturday: Los Angeles 7 San Diego 2. Houston 9 Chicago 8. Colorado 9 San Francisco 3 New York 8 Atlanta 4. St Louis 5 Pittsburgh 1 Philadelphia 3 Florida 2. Montreal 6 Cincinnati 1.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Thames Valley 77 Sheffield 89

7UP TROPHY: Newcastle 74 Doncaster 84, Derby 97 Chester 86

BILLIARDS

BOMBAY. Gold Flake World championship: Final. G Sethi (India) bt D Joshi (India) 1661-931

BOWLS

PRESTON: Saga International Open: Final: H Duff (Scot) bt I Schuback (Aus) 2-7 7-3 7-4 7-1

BOXING

CARDIFF ARMS PARK: World Boxing Organisation featherweight championship. N Hamed (Sheffield) bt S Robinson (Cardiff, holder) rsc 8th.

Commonwealth light-heavyweight championship: N Piper (Cardiff) bt N Mages (Belfast holder) ko 9th Middleweight: J Matthews (Islington) bt M O'Brien (Leeds) pts Welterweight: K Lueshing (Beckenham) bt D Quago (Crawley) pts

BASILDON FESTIVAL HALL: British lightweight championship: M Ayers (Tooting, holder) bt D Anderson (Glasgow) rtd 7th World Boxing Organisation inter-continental super-middleweight championship: M Delaney (West Ham) bt A Flute (Coseley) pts Super-middleweight: J Calzaghe (Newbridge) bt N Manners (Leeds) rsc 4th Light-middleweight: S Roberts (West Ham) bt D Hanskat (Ilford) ko 1st Super-featherweight: M O'Callaghan (Tunbridge Wells) bt M Wright (Chatham) rsc 1st Lightweight: A Campbell (Shepherds Bush) bt B Guynan (West Ham) rsc 5th.

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA: International Boxing Federation super-middleweight championship: R Jones (US, holder) bt T Thornton (US) rsc 3rd

HANOVER, GERMANY: World Boxing Organisation cruiserweight championship: *R Rocchigiani (Ger, holder) bt M Randazzo (US) pts*

CYCLING

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA. World championship: Men: Sprint: Semi-finals: First heat: C Hamett (Can) 10 399sec bt F Magne (Fr). *D Hill (Aus) 10 186 bt G Neiwand (Aus)* Second heat: Hamett 10.807 bt Magne (Hamet qualifies for final); Neiwand 11 046 bt Hill Third heat: Hill 10 602 bt Neiwand (Hill qualifies for final) Third place: First heat: Magne 10 930 bt Neiwand. Second heat: Magne 11 437 bt Neiwand. Final: First heat: Hamett 10 540 bt Hill Second heat: Hill 10 533 bt Hamett. Third heat: Hill 10.523 bt Hamett. Points race: Qualifiers from first round, First heat: 1. H Sung-Cho (S Kor) 10pts. 2. D Lonergan (Ire) 7; 3. E Vakker (Kyrgyzstan) 6. 4. V Iakovlev (Ukr) 6. 5. J B Petersen (Den) 6, 6, M Zaragoza (Mex) 5. 7. S O'Grady (Aus) 5; 8. S Gonzalez (Sp) 4 9, S Marianello (It) 24 (one lap behind). 10. P Pieters (Hol) 15. 11. J Dauwe (Bel) 14 12. A Beikirch (Ger) 11 Second heat: 1. *R Lupeikis (Lat) 21. 2. D* Copeland (US) 18. 3. S Barbara (Fr) 13 4. S Laurenenko (Kaz) 13 5, P Khamidoulline (Russ) 10. 6. B Risi (Switz) 9: 7, F Stoucher (Austria) 8. 8, J Curuchet (Arg) 7 9. G McLea, (NZ) 7. 10. M Wynants (Uru) 0. 11. N Ono (Japan) 10 (one lap behind). 12. L Cardona (Col) 8 Other finishers: 13. J Clay (GB) 8 Final. 1. Martinolli 38: 2. Lupeikis 18 *3. Laurenenko 16. 4 Risi 16. 5, McLeay 11.* 6. Iakovlev 6. 7. Pieters 23 (one lap behind). 8. O'Grady 16. 9. Barbara 15, 10. Stocher 12. 11. Copeland 11: 12. Curuchet 7 13. Cho 7. 14. Cardona 6. 15. Ono 6. 16. Petersen 5, 17. Beikirch 5, 18. Dauwe 4: 19. Lonergan 3, 20. Zaragoza 2: 21. Vakker 1. 22. Wynants 0 Gonzalez and Khamidoulline ret. Women's pursuit: Quarter-finals: M-B Vaaland (Nor) 3min 45 099sec bt Y McGregor (GB) 3.45 164. R Twigg (US) 3 39 224 bt F Watt (Aus) 3 48 921 A Bellutti (It) 3 42.875 bt C Marsal (Fra) 3:45 649; M Clignet (Fr) 3 43 737 bt J Quigley (US) 3 46 967 Semi-finals: Bellutti 3 37 361 bt Clignet 3:38 420: Twigg 3.36 338 bt Vaaland 3 37 437 Final: Twigg 3 36.081 bt Bellutti 3 46 610

TIME-TRIALS: North Road CC Centenary (Bedfordshire, 50 miles) 1, G Platts (Coalville Wh) 1hr 49min 21sec. 2. P Longbottom (N Wirral Velo) 1 50 52. 3, G Butler (Norwood Paragon) 1 50 59 Women: M Johnson (Oundle Velo) 2 05:24 South Staffs CA (25 miles) 1. S Dangerfield (Leo RC) 52:30. 2, G Thomas (Leek CC) 53 41 3. P Hodgkinson (Crewe Clarion Wh) 55 43 Team: Elizabethan CC 2:55:06 Epsom CC (25 miles): 1, T Stevens (Team 2000) 53 37. 2. S Heather (Festival RC) 55:44. 3. K Reed (De Laune CC) 56.34 Team: Norwood Paragon 2.58.28 East Anglia CC (25 miles): 1. Z Carr (Leo RC) 53 50. 2. A Newark (CC Breckland) 55 42. *3, R Boundy (CC Breckland) 56.29* Team: CC Breckland 2.50 32 Sotonia CC (25 miles). 1. C Ball (VC Venta) 54.32. 2. A Homer (VC St Raphael) 56.48. 3. P Anderson (Kingston Wh) 57:44. Team: Somer Valley CC 2:59:36. Kent CA (25 miles). 1, T Bayley (VC Deal) 57:50; 2. M Miles (W Kent RC) 57 56 3, M Vowells (San Fairy Ann CC) 58 37 Team: W Kent RC 2 57 09 A5 Rangers (Towcester. two-up 25 miles): 1. A Harrison and J Harrison (Letchworth Velo) 53.10. 2. D Creese and G Ashley (VC Slough) 55 08. 3. D Sweeney and M Lawrence (Rockingham Forest Wh) 56:15. East Anglian CC (10 miles): 1. Z Carr (Leo RC) 20 30 2. K Murray (Army CU) 20 46. 3. D Staff (North Road RT) 20:50 *Middridge CRT (N Yorkshire, 10 miles): 1. P* Curran (Optimum Performance RT) 20:55 2. W Randle (Optimum Performance) 21:09. 3. P Widsmith (Barnesbury CC) 21 34 West Pennine RC (10 miles) 1. P Hodgkinson (Crewe Clarion Wh) 20:50; 2. S Whitehead (Team Rapide) 21 13; 3. R Laws (Birkenhead Victoria CC) 21:22.

HILL-CLIMBS: ABC Centreville (Blackstone Edge, Lancashire, 2.5 miles) 1, M Lovatt (Optimum Performance RT) 7 32.8 (course record). 2, M Sewell (Southport CC) 7.59 9: 3, R Binks (Huddersfield RC) 8 04 3. Team: Halifax RC 26:55 5 Castria CC (Lanchester. Co Durham, 1 mile): 1, J Robson (North East RT) 4 31 0; 2. G Stirzaker (Middridge CRT) 4 41 0, 3, C Ash (Middridge CRT) 4 48 0 Mirage CC (four-stage, Swaledale, 6 miles): 1, J Wright (North East RT) 29 00 3, 2, D Bendelow (Morley CC) 31.00.0. 3, M Turnbull (TS Tameside) 32.19.9 Goole Vermuyden CC (two-stage, Nunburnholme, N Humberside, 2,190 yds): 1, A Hornby (Brough Wh) 5 03.3. 2. G Wardale (Sunderland Clarion) 5 03 8. 3. T Grassby (Dinnington RC) 5:14 0 Belper BC (Ambergate, Derbyshire, 1,000 yds). 1. S Foster (N Notts Olympic) 3 50.8: 2, D Gilbert (Belper BC) 3:53 6 3, G Arnold (High Wycombe CC) 3:53 7. Team: Belper BC 12 01 6 Mid Devon CC (Haytor Hill, Bovey Tracey, 3.25 miles) 1, D Axford (Team Energy) 13.32 0; 2. A Parker (Mid Devon CC) 14-34.0; 3, S Fewell (Exeter Wh) 15 08 0. Severn RC (Hinton Hill, nr Bristol, 800 yards) 1. P Marshall (JPM Racing) *2:03 0; 2. C Roy (Mansfield RC) 2:08 0. 3, D* Bentley (CC Giro) 2:11.0 Team: Severn RC (2 riders) 4 40.0. Northern Ireland championship (Templepatrick, Co Antrim, 1 mile): R Brownfield (West Down CC) 4:39 02, 2. R Crandles (King's Moss CC) 4 54 09, 3, J Neill (King's Moss) 5.03.08.

CYCLO-CROSS: St Helens CRC (12 miles) 1. S Green (Oldham Century RC) *58 10; 2 M Smith (Oldham Century) same* time. 3. J Shaw (Ace RT) at 1.30 Norton Trophy (Sheffield, 12 miles). 1, J Watson (Bradford Olympic RC) 54:15. 2, N Clough (Swaledale CC) at 4sec 3. R Thackray (Bradford Olympic) at 1:00. Brook CC (Chesterfield, 9 miles): 1. G Hardwicke (Long Eaton Paragon) 48:00; 2, S Blunt (Ace RT) at 5sec. 3. C Horsfield (Team Sheltrec) at 25sec. Yello Velo (Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, 14 miles): 1. M Daley (Cherry Valley RT) 57-07; 2, C Buckle (Brook CC) at 10sec; 3, G Simcock (St Ives CC) at 2 06.

EQUESTRIANISM

WEMBLEY ARENA: Horse of the Year Show: William Hill White Horse Cup: 1. Floyd McVee (Z Bates, GB) clear 32.05sec. 2. Stainsby Gemmess (J Tanfield, GB) clear 33.87. 3. U Design Belinda (R Hoekstra, GB) clear 35.43 Speed Horse of the Year: 1. Everest My Mesieur (M Whitaker, GB) 48 42sec 2 Isuara Van Der Helle (E Wauters, Bel) 48 75; 3 Everest Limited Edition (N Skelton, GB) 48 79 Volvo World Cup Dressage Qualifier: 1, Olympic Barbone (T Bartels, Hol) 71 11pts: 2. Arun Tor (F Eilberg, GB) 70.96, 3. Rakoto (M Klimke, Ger) 70.37 Puissance: 1. Segrat (G Goosen, GB) Gold (R Smith, GB) both *failed at 7ft 1in 3. Everest Jolly Boy (J* Whitaker, GB). Duel Plantero (F Mathy, Bel), Sight and Sound Bluebird (J Popely, GB); Stainsby Gemmess (J Tanfield, GB). Benjamin II (W Clarke, GB) all failed third round with wall at 6ft 10in. The Venue of Legends: 1, Everest Vantage (G Luckett, GB) 52.92sec; 2, Everest Winstar (M Edgar, GB) 53.04; 3, Corona (G Billington, GB) 53 07. Silver Bullet Salver: 1 Gemstone (Malin Beyard, Swe) clear 48.52sec. 2 Everest Vantage (G Luckett) clear 48.88, 3 Colonel (P LeJeune, Bel) clear 50 83. Wembley International Cup: 1 Secret Pride (M Lanni) 4 faults. 40.22sec, 2 Floyd McBee (Zoe Bates) 4, 41.30: 3 Bowriver Queen (J Fisher) 4, 41.40.

ROME: European three-day event championship: Standings (after cross-country phase) 1. Welton Romance (L Thompson, Ire) 35.80 pen pts. 2, King William (M King, GB) 38.00. 3. Ut Du Placineau (M-C Duroy, Fr) 43.80: 4, Twist La Beige (J-L Bigot, Fr) 48 40. 5, Kayem (M Todd, NZ) 50.60, 6, Biko (K O'Connor, US) 50 80, 7, Cyna (P Pantsu, Fin) 52.00, 8, Team Toggi Chesterfield (B Tait, NZ) 52 40; 9, Enterprise (E Smiley, Ire) 52.40: 10, Umptee (E Stibbe, Hol) 54.40 Final standings (after show jumping phase): Individual: 1. L Thompson (Ire) Welton Romance 41.55 pen, 2, M-C Duroy (Fr) Ut Du Placineau 45 30; 3, M King (Britain) King William 47.25. 4. M Todd (NZ) Kayem 50.60; 5, P Pantsu (Fin) Cyna 52 00 6. W Fox-Pitt (Britain) Cosmopolitan '11' 56 40; 7, B Tait (NZ) Team Toggi Chesterfield 58.15, 8, K O'Connor (U S) Biko 58 30 Team: 1 Britain 167 10: 2. France 231 45, 3, Ireland 238 60. 4, Germany 317 85. 5. Belgium 317.90; 6, Switzerland 411.20; Open championship. 1, Britain 148.60. 2. New Zealand 168 60, 3, Australia 178.20; 4, Ireland 194 20: 5, France 211.20; 6, Belgium 277 20: 7. US 289 00. 8, Germany 307.60

GOLF

DUBLIN: European Open: Final scores (GB & Ire unless stated): 280: B Langer (Ger) 74, 70, 68, 68 (won at second extra hole), B Lane 67. 71, 71, 71 283: C Montgomerie 71, 69, 73, 70: J Townsend (US) 68, 76, 67, 72 284: C Rocca (It) 69. 75, 70, 70 285: S Tinning (Den) 69, 75, 70, 71. F Tarnaud (Fr) 68, 73, 69, 75. 286: J Haeggman (Swe) 71, 70, 71, 74. 287: *D Robertson 73, 72, 71, 71;* T Lehman (US) 70, 72, 73, 72. P Lawrie 69. 72, 73, 73. A Forsbrand (Swe) 70, 71, 72, 74, C Mason 67, 73, 71, 76. 288: P Teravainen (US) 73, 75, 70, 70; M James 72, 70, 74, 72; S Ames (Tri) 69, 71, 77, 71, S Luna (Sp) 71, 72, 73. 72. M Davis 73, 71, 72, 72 289: I Woosnam 72. 72, 72, 73: M-A Martin (Sp) 73, 73, 70, 73; P-U Johansson (Swe) 72, 71, 70, 76; 290: A Lyle 70, 70, 74, 76. 291: P Broadhurst 70, 72, 75, 74. 292: L Westwood 71, 77, 73, 71; J Bickerton 79. 69, 73, 71; S Torrance 73, 73, 73, 73. F Lindgren (Swe) 73, 70, 75, 74, R Claydon 73, 70, 74, 75, M Lanner (Swe) 75. 73, 67, 77. 293: S Struver (Ger) 71, 71, 77, 74 M-A Jiménez (Sp) 76, 72, 71, 74, I Pyman 73, 70, 74, 76; J Hegarty 76, 69, 70, 78. 294 A Coltart 76, 69, 79, 70; K Eriksson (Swe) 70. 72, 79, 73. S Bottomley 75, 72, 74, 73. W Riley (Aus) 70, 75. 74, 75; O Rojahn (Nor) 73, 68, 75, 78; C Cevaer (Fr) 73, 75, 70, 76; *A Gilner (Swe)* 76, 70, 70, 78; J-M Canizares (Sp) 74, 73, 67, 80. 295: M Campbell (NZ) 68, 77, 75, 75: O Karlsson (Swe) 74, 72, 73, 76, J-L Guepy (Fr) 74, 72, 72, 77; R Chapman 77. 66, 74, 78; M Hallberg (Swe) 72, 75, 69, 79 296: M Jonzon (Swe) 73, 73, 77, 73; P Linhart (Sp) 74, 71. 74, 77; H Clark 72, 76, 71, 77. 297: C O'Connor jr 74, 74, 74, 75. P Price 71, 73, 77, 76, M Clayton (Aus) 75, 73, 72, 77. D Carter 72, 72, 75, 78, R Rafferty 75, 71, 73, 78. 298 S Richardson 73, 72, 76, 77. M Gronberg (Swe) 74, 74, 73, 77. P Way 72. 74, 72, 80; D Cooper 74, 72, 72, 80; D Gilford 72, 72, 72, 82

PINE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA: Buick Challenge: Third-round scores (US unless stated): 205: F Funk 69, 67, 69; S Stricker 66, 67, 72 206: J Morse 71. 68, 67, L Roberts 70, 69, 67, K Triplett 71, 66, 69; L Nelson 71, 65, 70; J Sluman 67. 69, 70. 207: B Lohr 74, 68, 65. W Austin 68, 69, 70; J Leonard 69, 67, 71. 208: M Smith 69, 73, 66. S Jones 70, 69, 69: J Huston 67, 71, 70; D Ogrin 70. 68, 70; S Lowery 66, 70, 72; J Adams 68, 68, 72. 209: B Crenshaw 70, 70, 69 S Hoch 70. 70, 69; B Bryant 70, 69, 70; S Gump 69, 73, 67; T Sills 70. 69, 70; N Lancaster 71, 72, 66; L Mize 66, 72, 71; G Boros 68, 69, 72; T Tryba 69, 67. 73, G Day 68, 67, 74.

LONDON CLUB: Masters Seniors: Third-round scores (GB and Ire unless stated). 210: J Bland (SA) 70, 69, 71. 214: B Verwey (SA) 72. 73, 69; H Inggs (SA) 70, 70, 74, J Morgan 71, 70, 73: T Grubb 68, 72, 74. 216: *C Evans (US) 73. 70, 73. 217: N Coles 73.* 70, 74; B Waites 75, 71. 71; N Ratcliffe (Aus) 74, 69, 74. 218: B Hunt 72, 72, 74; T Horton 74, 73, 71; J Fourie (SA) 73, 72, 73; L Higgins 72, 72, 74. B Huggett 71, 75, 72 219: A Garrido (Sp) 75, 72, 72; F Abreu (Sp) 72, 72, 75, R Campagnoli (It) 77, 74, 68; M Gregson 74, 72, 73 220: D Creamer 74, 72, 74; J Hudson 75, 73, 72, C O'Connor 73, 71, 76, G Will 71, 78, 71. *R Vines (Aus) 74,* 73, 73

CLEMMONS, North Carolina: Vantage Senior Classic: Second-round scores: (US unless stated): 134: D Stockton 68, 66; H Irwin 66, 68. 136: M Hill 67, 69. 137: J Albus 71, 66; G Player (SA) 70, 67. L Trevino 70, 67. 138: S Hobday (SA) 73, 65; R Thompson 69, 69, I Aoki (Japan) 68, 70. *139: A Palmer 71, 68: R Floyd 70, 69;* B E Smith 67, 72. 140: J Ferree 73, 67: L Laoretti 73, 67. D Eichelberger 71.69: R Charles (NZ) 70, 70, T Wargo 69, 71; J Powell 69, 71 141: D Douglass 71, 70; J Sigel 71, 70: D Weaver 70, 71; B Baird 69, 72.

SICILY: Women's Italian Open: Final scores (GB & Ire unless stated): 284: D Booker (Aus) 70, 72, 72, 70; 285: A Arruti (Sp) 71, 69, 73, 72. 289: F Dassu (It) 74, 73, 74, 68. 290: L Fairclough 68, 79, 73, 70. 292: K Davies 78, 67, 75, 72. S Croce (It) 77, 72, 71, 72; J Forbes 72, 70, 73, 77. 293: M-G Estuesta (Phil) 72, 72, 73, 76. 294: G Stewart 75, 70, 74, 75; H Hopkins (Aus) 72, 75, 77, 70; C Louw (SA) 72, 74, 72, 76, V Michaud (Fr) 74, 76, 74, 71. 295: M-L de Lorenzi (Fr) 70, 75, 75, 75; C Dibnah (Aus) 73, 78, 76, 68: M Madill 75, 74, 71, 75; E Knuth (Sp) 78, 72, 73, 72. B Pestana (SA) 76, 72, 72, 75: C Hall 73, 77, 73, 72; H Wadsworth 72, 72, 75, 76

CORNELIUS, North Carolina: Women's *Classic tournament: Third-round scores:* 204: G Graham 67, 68, 69. 205: T Green 67, 71, 67: Hi Kobayashi 65, 71, 69. 208: S Farwig 71, 72, 65: B Burton 69, 69, 70; J Inkster 67, 71, 70; K Lunn 70, 67, 71; B Daniel 66, 71, 71. 209: P Berendt 73, 67, 69; N Lopez 68, 70, 71. 210: E Crosby 67, 71. 72.

HOCKEY

BERLIN: Champions' Trophy: Holland 2 India 1. England 1 Australia 1; Germany 1 Pakistan 0. Third place play-off: Pakistan 2 Holland 1 Final: Germany 4 Australia 2.

NASTRO AZZURRO HOCKEY LEAGUE: Premier League: Anchorians 2 Wimbledon 0; Beckenham 1 Winchester 0; Fareham 4 Ashford 0: Gore Court 6 Old Walcountians 0; Maidenhead 0 Lewes 4; Newbury 2 Chichester 3; Old Kingstonians 1 Lions 2; Oxford Hawks 4 Bournemouth 3; Spencer 4 High Wycombe 1; Wokingham 2 Woking 1. Hampshire/Surrey: Andover 1 Barnes 0. Basingstoke 2 Camberley 1; Blandford 2 Old Edwardians 1. London University P Solent H.C. P; Old Cranleighans 1 Dulwich 3; Old Mid. Whitgiftians 1 Purley 2; Oxshott 4 Walton & Weybridge 0; Oxted 1 Cheam 2; Petersfield 0 Old Whitgiftians 3; Southampton 3 Epsom 2. Kent/Sussex: Belvedere 4 Herne Bay 2; Horsham 2 Brighton 3. Marden Russets 0 Bexley Invicta 2; Middleton 5 Crawley 0; Mid Sussex 2 Tunbridge Wells 1; Old Beccehamians 3 Bognor 4; *Old Bordenians 1 Blackheath 7;* Old Holcombeians 3 Bexleyheath 0; Old Williamsonians 3 Worthing 1; Sevenoaks 0 Tulse Hill 3. Middx/Berks/Bucks & Oxon: Hayes 3 Harrow 3; HCC 2 Hendon 0; Marlow 2 Sunbury 0; Mill Hill 0 Eastcote 2; Milton Keynes 2 City Of Oxford 3; NPL 0 Bracknell 0. OMT 1 Amersham 2; RHC Chiswick 2 Headington 2; Ramgarhia 1 *Staines 1, Richings Park 3 ETESSA 1.* WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Balsam Leicester 1 Hightown 2; Bracknell 0 Sutton Coldfield Life 2. Doncaster 1 Ipswich 2. Slough 1 Clifton 2. First division: Bradford Swithenbank 0 Blueharts 1, Sunderland Bedans 1 Exmouth 1; Trojans 3 Chelmsford 0; Wimbledon 0 Canterbury 1. Second division: Ealing 2 Sherwood 3; Loughborough 0 Aldridge 0: St Albans 1 Olton 2; Woking 1 Reading 1.

JUDO

CHIBA, JAPAN: World Championship: Men: 71kg: Final: D Hideshima (Japan) bt K Dae-sung (S Kor) yusei-gachi. Bronze medals: D Brambilla (It) and J Pedro (US) 65kg: Final: U Quellmalz (Ger) bt Y Nakamura (Japan) ippon. Bronze medals: K Dae-ik (S Kor) and B Demirel (Tur). Women: 56kg: D Gonzalez (Cuba) bt J Sun-yong (S Kor) ippon. Bronze medals: F Cavallen (Por) and D Zaagrando (Br). 52kg: Final: M Restoux (Fr) bt C Mariani (Arg) ippon. Bronze medals: S Rendle (GB) and R Verdecia (Cuba).

LACROSSE

SHEPHERDS FRIENDLY SOCIETY LEAGUE: Premier division: Cheadle 14 Old Waconians 8; Boardman and Eccles 12 Stockport 19; Heaton Mersey 12 Poynton 3; Cheadle Hulme 4 Hulmeians 6; Timperley 10 Sheffield Steelers 5.

SCHOOLS SPORT

RUGBY UNION: Abingdon 3 Radley 16; Bedford 8 Oundle 8. Blundell's 10 Sherborne 3; Brighton 28 Seaford 6; Bristol G.S 7 Colston's 29; Campion 8 John Fisher 27; Canford 8 King's, Taunton 3; Cheltenham 27 King's, Worcester 12; Christ's, Brecon 22 Taunton 3; Cullord 16 Ipswich 0; Desborough 8 11 Gunnersbury 17; Dollar Acad. 22 Glenalmond 17; Durham 29 St.Bees 3; Duke of York's 8 Cranbrook 10; Eastbourne 6 Epsom 8; Embley Park 3 Portsmouth 22; Exeter 24 Shebbear 3; Giggleswick 12 Crossley Heath 3; Guildford R.G.S 13 St John's, Leatherhead 0; Haberdashers' Aske's 8 Dulwich 7; Haileybury 10 Uppingham 12; Hurstpierpoint 13 Worth 13; King Edward's, Birmingham 47 Denstone 3; King Edward's, Camp Hill 82 King Edward's, Lichfield 17; King Henry VII, Coventry 45 King Edward's, Aston 0, King's, Bruton 96 Dauntsey's 7; King's, Canterbury 8 Caterham 11; King's, Wimbledon 18 St.George's, Weybridge 15, Kirkham G.S 14 King Edward VII, Lytham 5; Lord Wandsworth's 18 Reading 0; Monkton Combe 25 St.Lawrence's 12; O Swinford Hospital 38 Bishop Vesey's 8; QEGS, *Barnet 8 RGS High Wycombe 33;* RGS Newcastle 3 Ampleforth 33; Ryde 0 Chichester HS 56; Sedbergh 26 RGS Lancaster 13; Sir Roger Manwood's 3 O Manwoodians 10; St Edmund's, Ware 17 St George's, Harpenden 8, St. Edward's, Liverpool 10 Rydal 17; St Peter's, York 55 Barnard Castle 5; St Paul's 21 Whitgift 7; St Lawrence, Ramsgate 8 Chatham House 0; Stamford 10 Bedford Modern 5; Stockport 20 Cheadle Hulme 7; Stonyhurst 75 Merchant Taylor's 10; Trent 10 Oakham 15; Warwick 16 Solihull 8, Wellington, Somerset 0 Kelly 6; Wimbledon 45 Eltham 13.

FOOTBALL: English Schools Fuji Film Trophy: First round: Southern area: Barking 2 South East Essex 4, Barnet 2 *Luton* 1. Bournemouth 7 Basingstoke 2, Bromley 5 Brighton 0, Cambridge 7 Lea Valley 1, Ealing 1 Dacorum 3, Ipswich 1 Waltham Forest 0, Islington 5 Blackheath 0, Jersey 1 Havant 5, Mid Sussex 1 Gravesham 3, Newbury 3 Redbridge 1, South Beds 3 Brent 2 South East Sussex 8 North Kent 0, Worthing 1 Croydon 0. Midlands area: Lincoln 6 Holland 2, Northampton 1 Leicester 0, Nottingham 4 Kettering and Corby 2, Redditch 0 Burton 1, Scunthorpe 3 Grimsby 1, South East Derbyshire 3 South East Lindsey 1, South Kesteven 0 Hull 8, Worksop 5 South Leicester 6. Northern Area: Blackpool 3 Chorley 0, Bolton 4 Pendle 2, Burnley 5 Rochdale 3, Calderdale 1 Spen Valley 2, Copeland 2 Allerdale 3, East Durham 5 Sunderland 3, Gateshead 3 Langbaurgh 1, Halton 1 Preston 2, Hambleton and Richmond 2 Scarborough 0, Harrogate 0 Bradford 8, Macclesfield 1 Oldham 2, Middlesbrough 3 Derwentside 0, Newcastle 3 Stockton 1, North Tyneside 3 Bishop Auckland 2, Rossendale 3 West Lancs 6, South Cheshire 2 Chester 1, Trafford 1 St Helens 5, West Tyne 1 Carlisle 10, Wigan 5 Stockport 3, Wirral 5 Kirkby Knowsley 3. Welsh Schools Glyncoed Shield under-14: Rhondda 2 Cardiff 8. Welsh Mitre Shield under-13: Cardiff 5 Newport 1. Inter-Town challenge: Manchester 9 Mid Cheshire 0. Northern Merit League: Leeds 0 Salford 2 West Midlands League: Halesowen and Stourbridge 0 Stoke 0.

SNOOKER

BANGKOK, THAILAND: Classic tournament: First round: M Johnston-Allen (Eng) bt R O'Sullivan (Eng) 5-4; N Bond (Eng) bt M Duffy (N Ire) 5-1; J Swail (NI) bt K Doherty (Ire) 5-2; J Parrott (Eng) bt D Taylor (N Ire) 5-1; P Ebdon (Eng) bt G Wilkinson (Eng) 5-2; D Morgan (Wales) bt B Morgan (Eng) 5-1; J Higgins (Scot) bt A Hicks (Eng) 5-2; D O'Kane (NZ) bt D Roe (Eng) 5-3; J White (Eng) bt A Robidoux (Can) 5-3.

SPEEDWAY

HACKNEY STADIUM: World championship: 1, H Nielsen (Den) 103; 2, T Rickardsson (Swe) 88; 3, S Ermolenko (US) 83; 4, G Hancock (US) 82; 5, B Hamill (US) 80; 6, C Louis (Eng) 77; 7, M Loram (Eng) 77; 8, H Gustafsson (Swe) 73; 9, T Gollob (Pol) 73; 10, T Knudsen (Den) 67.

PREMIER LEAGUE: Cradley Heath 63 *Middlesbrough 33;* Eastbourne 51 King's Lynn 45.

TENNIS

BASLE: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: J Courier (US) bt G Rusedski (GB) 6-4, 6-4; J Siemerink (Hol) w/o B Becker (Ger) scr.

LEIPZIG: Women's tournament: Final: A Huber (Ger) w/o M Maleeva (Bul).

TELFORD: LTA satellite tournament: Finals: Men: C Beecher (GB) bt I Heuberger (Switz) 6-3 6-4. Women: A Hopmans (Hol) bt C Taylor (GB) 6-4 6-3.

YACHTING

POOLE: MDL 405 Junior Championship: Overall: 1, G Valls and J Giles, 7pts; 2, L Murray and S Ayton, 14.25; 3, T Boon and M Lessik, 26; 4, B Iliffe and S Allen, 26; 5, T and B Paull, 29. San Francisco: IYRU Nations Cup Match Race Championship: Semi finals: Men: M Larson (US) bt S Mohr (Den) 2-0; M Bouet (Fr) and B Savage (SA) tied 1:1.

RUGBY UNION

Courage Clubs *Championship*

First division

Bath 55 Orrell 20

Bath: Tries: Adebayo 2, Callard 2, Catt, de Glanville, Guscott, Ubogu Cons: Callard 6 Pen: Callard. Orrell. Tries: Johnson, Scott Cons: Mason 2. Pens: Mason 2.

Gloucester 14 Leicester 27

Gloucester: Try: Holford. Pens: Kimber 3 *Leicester:* Tries: Back, Kilford. Con: Liley Pens: Liley 5

Harlequins 34 West Hartlepool 18

Harlequins: Tries: Bromley, Brown, Carling, Kitchin, Sheasby. Cons: Pears 3 Pen: Pears. West Hartlepool: Tries: Hodder, Stimpson Con: Stimpson Pens: Parker, Stimpson

Sale 18 Wasps 25

Sale: Pens: Liley 5 Dropped goal: Turner. Wasps: Tries: Ryan, Scrivener Pens: Andrew 3 Dropped goals: Andrew 2

Saracens 11 Bristol 24

Saracens: Try: Holmes Pens: Tunningley 2 Bristol: Tries: Maggs, Shaw Con: Tainton Pens: Tainton 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	4	4	0	0	126	55	8
Harlequins	4	4	0	0	117	72	8
Wasps	4	3	0	1	116	68	6
Leicester	4	3	0	1	83	43	6
Bristol	*4*	*2*	*0*	*2*	*66*	*78*	*4*
Sale	4	1	0	3	58	70	2
Gloucester	4	1	0	3	69	105	2
Orrell	4	1	0	3	50	96	2
Saracens	4	1	0	3	42	102	2
West Hartlepool	4	0	0	4	55	93	0

LEADING SCORERS: 68. J Callard (Bath, 2 tries, 8 conversions, 14 penalty goals) 50: R Andrew (Wasps 4c, 12pg, 2 dropped goals) J Liley (Leicester, 4c, 14pg) 47: D Pears (Harlequins 7c, 6pg, 5dg) 40: S Mason (Orrell, 2c, 12pg) 39: T Stimpson (West Hartlepool, 1t, 2c, 10pg) 37: R Liley (Sale, 2c, 9pg, 2dg), A Tunningley (Saracens, 1t, 1c, 10pg) 36: M Tainton (Bristol, 3c, 10pg)

Second division

Blackheath 21 Waterloo 9

Blackheath: Tries: Harsup, Ridgway Con: Howard Pens: Howard 3 Waterloo: Pens: Ryan 3

London Irish 49 Moseley 8

London Irish: Tries: O'Shea 3, Bishop, Corcoran, Halpin, Kellam, Neary Cons: Corcoran 3 Pen: Corcoran Moseley: Try: Miles Dropped goal: Kerr

London Scottish 17 Nottingham 9

London Scottish: Try: Fraser, Pens: Steele 4. Nottingham: Pens: Hodgkinson 2 Dropped goal: Hodgkinson.

Newcastle G 23 Bedford 30

Newcastle Gosforth: Tries: Fletcher, Penn. Cons: Cramb 2 Pens: P Clark 2. Dropped goal: Frankland Bedford: Tries: Oliver, Swingsley, Subbiani, Thomson Cons: Finnie 2 Dropped goals: Finnie 2

Northampton 23 Wakefield 0

Northampton: Tries: Merlin, Pountney Cons: Grayson 2 Pens: Grayson 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northampton	4	4	0	0	181	46	8
London Scottish	4	4	0	0	68	46	8
Bedford	4	2	1	1	84	83	5
London Irish	4	2	0	2	146	108	4
Wakefield	4	2	0	2	74	73	4
Blackheath	4	2	0	2	76	77	4
Newcastle G	4	1	0	3	61	89	2
Nottingham	4	1	0	3	71	108	2
Moseley	4	1	0	3	43	120	2
Waterloo	4	0	1	3	38	92	1

LEADING SCORERS: 63: M Corcoran (London Irish, 4 tries, 11 conversions, 7 penalty goals) 56: P Grayson (Northampton 1t, 18c, 5pg) 44: A Finnie (Bedford, 1t, 6c, 7pg, 2 dropped goals) 41: S Howard (Blackheath, 4c, 10pg, 1dg) 39: M Jackson (Wakefield, 6c, 9pg) 33: J Steele (London Scottish 1t, 5c, 6pg) 30: M Allen (Northampton 6t), C O'Shea (London Irish, 6t) 28: A Kerr (Moseley, 1t, 1c, 5pg, 2dg)

Third division

Fylde	18	Otley	8
Morley	23	Coventry	11
Reading	13	Rugby	23
Rosslyn Park	12	Harrogate	12
Rotherham	6	Richmond	43

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Richmond	4	4	0	0	133	52	8
Rugby	4	4	0	0	102	46	8
Otley	4	2	1	1	59	52	5
Coventry	4	2	0	2	66	62	4
Rosslyn Park	4	1	1	2	66	69	3
Morley	4	1	1	2	60	64	3
Harrogate	4	1	1	2	71	82	3
Reading	4	1	0	3	93	106	2
Fylde	4	1	0	3	54	110	2
Rotherham	4	1	0	3	57	118	2

LEADING SCORERS: 63: J Gregory (Richmond 1 try, 8 conversion, 14 penalty goals). 52: J Quantrill (Rugby, 2t, 6c 10pg). 48: G Way (Reading 1t, 8c, 9pg) R Zoing (Harrogate, 1t, 5c, 10pg, 1 dropped goal). 38: C Quick (Coventry 1t, 2c, 9pg). 38: P Rutledge (Otley, 12pg) 35: J Grayshon (Morley 1t 6c, 5pg, 1dg). 32: K Plant (Rotherham 4c, 8pg) 31: A King (Rosslyn Park 2c 9pg)

Fourth division

Exeter	21	Redruth	14
Havant	18	Clifton	11
Liverpool St H	28	Aspatria	5
London Welsh	67	Plymouth	8
Walsall	16	Leeds	13

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
London Welsh	4	4	0	0	139	36	8
Exeter	4	4	0	0	110	52	8
Liverpool St H	4	3	1	0	127	32	7
Redruth	4	2	1	1	77	73	5
Walsall	4	2	0	2	63	60	4
Havant	4	2	0	2	65	68	4
Aspatria	4	1	0	3	52	73	2
Plymouth	4	1	0	3	54	161	2
Clifton	4	0	0	4	36	87	0
Leeds	4	0	0	4	35	105	0

FIFTH DIVISION NORTH: Broughton Park 6 Wharfedale 23 Sandal 36 Lichfield 18 Stoke 10 Kendal 19, Stourbridge 27 Birmingham Solihull 5. Winnington Park 16 Sheffield 14 Worcester 52 Nuneaton 19

FIFTH DIVISION SOUTH. Camborne 11 Barking 31, Cheltenham 13 Camberley 19; *High Wycombe 8 Askeans 31.* Lydney 19 Berry Hill 0. North Walsham 17 Tabard 8. Weston-super-Mare 15 Metropolitan Police 11.

LONDON I: Ealing 15 Staines 21. Esher 35 Harlow 32. Guildford and Godalming 15 Basingstoke 26. Old Colfeians 16 Old Mid-Whitgiftians 15, Ruislip 15 Charlton Park 20 Southend 28 Sutton and Epsom 12

SOUTH WEST I: Brixham 68 Cinderford 5, Gloucester Old Boys 30 Bridgwater 21; Maidenhead 31 St Ives 9. Matson 15 Salisbury 22. Sherborne 14 Taunton 22. Torquay 3 Barnstaple 3.

MIDLANDS I: Camp Hill 11 Barkers Butts 9. Hereford 18 Broadstreet 12. Leighton Buzzard 14 Leamington 8, Syston 27 Westleigh 18; Whitchurch 35 Stafford 8. Wolverhampton 10 Burton 27

NORTH I: Bradford and Bingley 11 Macclesfield 21, Huddersfield 28 Middlesbrough 24, Manchester 33 Stockton 3. Widnes 13 Tynedale 8: West Park Bramhope 6 Hull Ionians 14. York 30 Wigton 28

Heineken League

First division

Bridgend 56 Abertillery 3

Bridgend: Tries: Durston, Forster, James, P Jones, G Jones, M Lewis, Manning, G Thomas. Cons: M Lewis 5. Pens: M Lewis 2. Abertillery: Pen: M Williams

Llanelli 12 Cardiff 16

Llanelli: Pens: McCarthy 4. Cardiff: Try: Humphreys Con: A Davies Pens: A Davies 3

Neath 42 Newbridge 12

Neath: Tries: Funnell, Higgs, R Jones, G Llewellyn, Scott, Thorburn, S Williams Cons: Baukes, Thorburn Pen: Baukes Newbridge: Tries: Reed, Smith Con: Strange

Pontypridd 38 Newport 3

Pontypridd: Tries: Collins, Jenkins, G Jones Con: Jenkins Pens: Jenkins 7 Newport: Pens: G Rees

Swansea 66 Aberavon 5

Swansea: Tries: R Jones 3, Appleyard, Charvis, Clement, Harris, A Moore, Taylor Cons: A Williams 6 Pens: A Williams 3 Aberavon: Try: D Davies

Treorchy 20 Ebbw Vale 29

Treorchy: Tries: A Thomas 2 Cons: D Evans 2 Pens: D Evans, Lloyd Ebbw Vale: Tries: Hudson, Llewellyn. Cons: Hayward 2. Pens: Hayward 4 Dropped goals: Hayward

	P	W	D	L	F	A	B	Pts	T
Pontypridd	5	4	0	1	188	91	22	7	15
Llanelli	4	3	0	1	164	43	22	8	14
Swansea	4	3	0	1	148	87	21	6	12
Cardiff	4	4	0	0	113	64	13	4	12
Bridgend	4	2	0	2	127	75	20	7	11
Neath	4	3	0	1	87	39	13	4	10
Newport	5	4	0	1	107	83	10	2	10
Newbridge	*5*	*2*	*0*	*3*	*77*	*110*	*11*	*2*	*6*
Ebbw Vale	5	1	0	4	88	185	8	0	2
Abertillery	5	1	0	4	54	163	4	0	2
Aberavon	5	0	0	5	65	217	7	1	1
Treorchy	4	0	0	4	60	121	5	0	0

SECOND DIVISION: Abercynon 22 Maesteg 7. Bonymaen 35 South Wales Police 18. Cross Keys 11 Caerphilly 13; *Dunvant 51 Tenby Utd 8* Pontypool 22 Llandovery 13: Ystradgynlais 20 Llanharan 19

THIRD DIVISION: Blackwood 34 Kenfig Hill 15, Blaina 12 Pyle 28 Builth Wells 17 Tondu 6, Cardiff Inst 20 Mountain Ash 20; Penarth 27 Narberth 3, Tredegar 29 Glamorgan Wndrs 19

Tennents Championship

First division

Boroughmuir 21 Watsonians 21

Boroughmuir: Tries: Easson, Lineen Con: Easson Pens: Easson 3. Watsonians: Tries: Hodge, Weston Con: Hodge Pens: Hodge 3

Edinburgh Acads 13 *Hawick* 30

Edinburgh Acads: Try: Penalty try Con: Duncan Pens: Duncan 2. Hawick: Tries: Grant, Hay-Smith, Murray, T Stanger, *Suddon* Con: Welsh Pen: Welsh Gala: Pens: D Changing 4.

Gala 12 Melrose 29

Gala: Pens: D Changing 4 Melrose Tries: G Parker, B Redpath. Cons: Chalmers 2 Pens: Chalmers 5

Stirling County 38 Heriots FP 6

Stirling County: Tries: McRobert, Sansler, Turner Con: M McKenzie Pens: M McKenzie 6 Dropped goal: M McKenzie Heriots FP: Pens: Rahul 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Currie	6	6	0	0	176	99	12
Jed-Forest	6	4	0	2	131	75	8
Dundee HSFP	6	4	0	2	106	75	8
W of Scotland	6	3	0	3	128	120	6
Glasgow H K	6	2	0	4	176	85	4
Selkirk	6	2	0	4	94	129	4
Stewarts Mel FP	6	2	0	4	65	225	4
Kelso	6	1	0	5	70	138	2

Second division

Currie	33	Stewarts Mel FP	9
Dundee HSFP	16	Glasgow HK	10
Kelso	17	West of Scotland	32
Selkirk	13	Jed-Forest	33

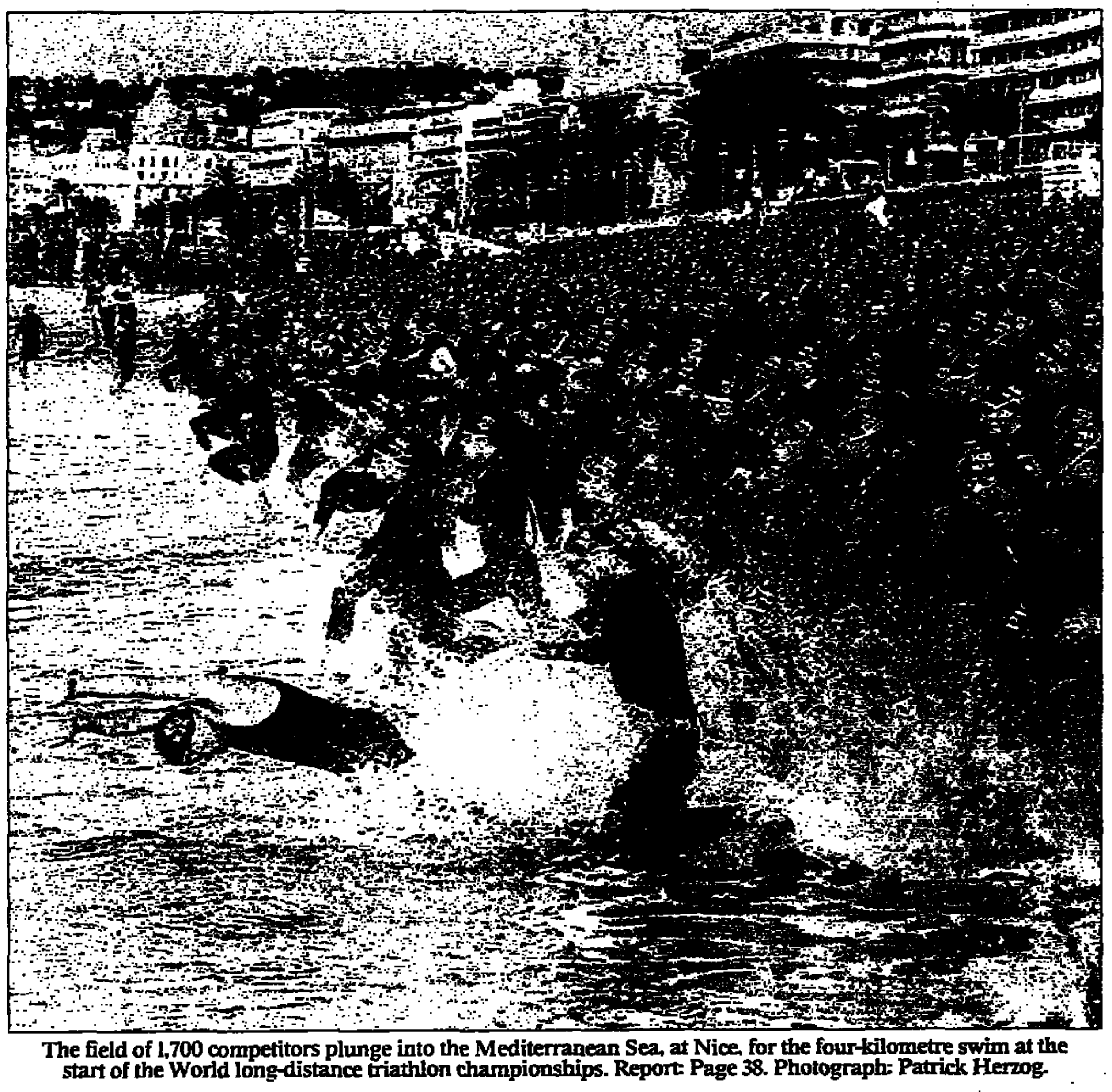
THIRD DIVISION: Corstorphine 12 Preston Lodge 23. Glasgow Acads 17 Biggar 9. Grangemouth 17 Musselburgh 15 Kirkcaldy 21 Peebles 10

FOURTH DIVISION: Edinburgh Wndrs 15 Ayr 50, Glasgow Southern 18 Kilmarnock 7. Gordonians 60 Wigtownshire 16. Haddington 12 Langholm 20

INSURANCE CORPORATION LEAGUE: First division: Ballymena 8 Instonians 30 Garryowen 23 Blackrock 22: Lansdowne 13 Cork Constitution 20 Old Wesley 6 Old Belvedere 3. St Mary's College 9 Shannon 6 Second division: Dolphin 12 Greystones 25 Dungannon 22 Bective Rangers 8 Malone 23 Sunday's Well 14 Old Crescent 19 Wanderers 15; Terenure Coll 8 Clontarf 3

SOUTH AFRICA: Currie Cup: Western Province 20, Northern Transvaal 13; Transvaal 25. Natal 11 Eastern Province 29. Freestate 13

NEW ZEALAND: Provincial championship: Wellington 8 Counties 33; Southland 12, King Country 13. Otago 24. North Harbour 60 Auckland 26, Waikato 17



The field of 1,700 competitors plunge into the Mediterranean Sea, at Nice, for the four-kilometre swim at the start of the World long-distance triathlon championships. Report: Page 38. Photograph: Patrick Herzog.

GUIDE TO THE WEEK'S MAIN FIXTURES

TODAY

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
** denotes all-ticket match*

FA Carling Premiership
Southampton v West Ham (8.0)

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: *Bishop Auckland v Guiseley*

ICIS LEAGUE: Second division: Croydon v Chalfont St Peter. Third division: Wingate and Finchley v East Thurrock.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn v Oldham (at Preston North End F.C., 7.0): Liverpool v Wolverhampton (at Southport F.C., 7.0). *Sheffield Utd v Birmingham C Res (7.0)* Second division: Leicester v Rotherham (7.0), Mansfield v Burnley (7.0).

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol Rovers v Portsmouth, Chelsea v Tottenham (at Kingstonian F.C., 7.0); Millwall v Swindon (2.0) League Cup: Torquay v Bournemouth (7.0)

FA CUP: Second round qualifying part two: Welling v Bromley

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: England v China (Salisbury Leisure Centre)

RACING: Fontwell Park (2.30), Pontefract (2.15)

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

COCA-COLA CUP: Second round, second-leg: Arsenal v Hartlepool (7.45) Barnsley v Huddersfield (7.45) Bournemouth v Watford (7.45), Brentford v Bolton *(7.45) Burnley v Leicester, Bury v Sheffield* United, Charlton v Wimbledon (7.45). Crystal Palace v Southend (7.45), Fulham v Wolverhampton (7.45) Grimsby v Birmingham (7.45) Ipswich v Stockport (7.45) Notts County v Leeds (7.45), Peterborough v Aston Villa (7.45) Queens Park Rangers v Oxford United (7.45). Rotherham v Middlesbrough, West Bromwich v Reading (7.45). *York v Manchester United (7.45)

SPALDING CUP: First round, second leg. Dover v Welling (7.45), Farnborough v Bath (7.45) Northwich v Telford (7.45). Slough v Dagenham and Red (7.45).

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Rangers v Motherwell

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Newport v Barbarians (7.0)

CLUB MATCHES: Cambridge University v Cambridge City (7.15) Ebbw Vale v Glamorgan Wanderers (7.0)

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: England v China *(Maidenhead)*

RACING: Exeter (2.20). Redcar (2.10). Warwick (2.00).

TENNIS: Men's and women's satellite tournaments (Nottingham).

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL

COCA-COLA CUP: Second round, second leg: Blackburn v Swindon (7.45) Chelsea v Stoke (7.45). *Chester v Tottenham Derby v Shrewsbury (7.45). Everton v Millwall (7.45) Hull v Coventry Manchester City v Wycombe (7.45) Newcastle v Bristol City (7.45) Nottingham Forest v Bradford (7.45). *Oldham v Tranmere (7.45) Sheffield* Wednesday v Crewe (7.45) Southampton v Cardiff, Sunderland v Liverpool (7.45) Torquay v Norwich (7.45); West Ham v Bristol Rovers (7.45)

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division, Falkirk v Celtic. Hearts v Aberdeen, Partick v Kilmarnock: Raith v Hibernian

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP: Semi-final: Dunfermline v Dundee United Stirling v Stenhousemuir

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Surrey v Sussex (at Imber Court)

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Bridgend v Cardiff (7.0)

TIPP-EX COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Norfolk v Essex (at Norwich), Suffolk v Cambridgeshire (at Bury St Edmunds)

CLUB MATCHES: Abertillery v Tredegar (7.0) Harlequins v Brunel University, Newcastle Gosforth v Ashington Rosslyn Park v Oxford University West Hartlepool v Durham City

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Korac Cup Second round, second leg Bursa (Tur) (74) v London Towers (83) (8.0)

GOLF. Women's home internationals (Wrexham)

RACING: Market Rasen (2.10), Towcester (2.20) York (2.0)

TENNIS: Men's and women's satellite tournaments (Nottingham)

THURSDAY

BASKETBALL: Champions Cup Second round, second leg Real Madrid (Sp) v *Sheffield Sharks (8.0).*

GOLF: Women's home internationals (Wrexham)

RACING: Ludlow (2.20) Wincanton (2.10), York (2.0)

TENNIS: Men's and women's satellite tournaments (Nottingham), Maureen Connolly Cup: Great Britain under-21s v *United States under-21 (Glasgow)*

FRIDAY

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES CHAMPIONSHIP: London Broncos v Oldham (7.30).

OTHER SPORT

GOLF. Women's home internationals (Wrexham)

RACING: Ascot (2.0). Carlisle (1.50); Cheltenham (2.10).

TENNIS. Men's and women's satellite tournaments (Nottingham) Maureen Connolly Cup: Great Britain under-21s v United States under-21 (Glasgow)

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley v Leicester: Charlton v Grimsby; Crystal Palace v Sunderland; Huddersfield v Port Vale, Ipswich v Wolverhampton; Oldham v Portsmouth; Sheffield United v Derby; Stoke v Norwich, Tranmere v Luton; Watford v Millwall, West Bromwich v Reading Second division: Brentford v Blackpool; Bristol Rovers v Bournemouth; Burnley v Wycombe, Carlisle v Notts County: Chesterfield v Crewe; Hull v Shrewsbury, Oxford United v Stockport, Rotherham v Brighton, Swansea v Bradford; Swindon v Bristol City; Walsall v Peterborough, York v Wrexham. *Third division:* Barnet v Exeter; Bury v Leyton Orient, Cambridge United v Cardiff; Chester v Doncaster; Colchester v Hartlepool, Gillingham v Rochdale; Hereford v Torquay: Lincoln v Darlington Plymouth v Fulham; Preston v Scarborough; Scunthorpe v *Northampton,* Wigan v Mansfield

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Altrincham v Bath; Kettering v Slough: Kidderminster v Dover, Macclesfield v Bromsgrove; Runcorn v Halifax

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Aberdeen v Rangers: Celtic v *Partick; Hibernian v Falkirk; Kilmarnock v* Hearts; Motherwell v Raith . First division: Clydebank v Greenock Morton; Dumbarton v Dundee United; Dundee v St Mirren; Hamilton v Dunfermline, St Johnstone v Airdrie Second division: Berwick v East Fife, Clyde v Stranraer, Forfar v Stirling; Queen Of South v Ayr; Stenhousemuir v Montrose Third division: Brechin v Albion, *Cowdenbeath v Arbroath,* East Stirling v Caley This, Queen's Park v Alloa; Ross County v Livingston .

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Bristol v Sale; Harlequins v Saracens. Orrell v Gloucester; Wasps v Bath (2.15). West Hartlepool v Leicester. Second division: Bedford v Northampton; Blackheath v Newcastle Gosforth: Nottingham v London Irish: Wakefield v London Scottish, Waterloo v Moseley

PILKINGTON CUP: Second round: Basingstoke v Lewes: Birmingham Solihull v Worcester. Bridlington v Aspatria, Cheltenham v Weston-super-Mare. Clifton v Met Police Gloucester OB v London Welsh, Harrogate v Fylde: Havant v Exeter; Henley v Hornets: Liverpool St Helens v Hull Ionians: Lydney v Harlow; Macclesfield v Morley; Nethereall v Winnington Park; Northam v Stourbridge Otley v Stoke; Plymouth v Camberley Redruth v North Walsham, Rosslyn Park v Richmond; Rotherham v Coventry, Rugby v Broad Street; Scunthorpe v Walsall. Stockton v Leeds, Tabard v Askeans, Westcombe Park v Reading

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Aberavon v Llanelli (2.30). Abertillery v Ebbw Vale (2.30); Bridgend v Pontypridd (2.30), Cardiff v Treorchy (2.30); Newbridge v Swansea (2.30); Newport v Neath (2.30). Second division: Caerphilly v Abercynon (2.30): Dunvant v Pontypool (2.30); Llandovery v Bonymaen (2.30); Maesteg v Ystradgynlais (2.30): South Wales Police v Cross Keys (2.30): Tenby Utd v Llanharan (2.30).

TENNENTS CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Hawick v Gala; Heriots FP v Boroughmuir: Melrose v Stirling County; Watsonians v Edinburgh Acads Second division: Glasgow H K v Selkirk; Jed-Forest v Currie: Stewarts Mel FP v Kelso: West of Scotland v Dundee HSFP

INSURANCE CORPORATION LEAGUE: First division: Blackrock College v Cork Constitution (2.30): Instonians v Lansdowne (2.30). Old Belvedere v Garryowen (2.30), St Mary's College v Old Wesley (2.30). Young Munster v Shannon (2.30). Second division: Dolphin v Sunday's Well (2.30); Malone v Dungannon (2.30): NIFC v Greystones (2.30): Old Crescent v Bective Rangers (2.30): Terenure Coll v Wanderers (2.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

HALIFAX WORLD CUP: Group one: England v Australia (Wembley, 3.0)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Leicester Riders v Hemel Royals (7.30).

BOWLS: Causeway Coast Masters (Ballymoney)

BOXING: World Boxing Organisation welterweight championship: Eamonn Loughran (Ballymena, holder) v Angel Beltre (Dom) (Belfast)

RACING: Bangor (2.05), Ascot (BBC: 1 45); Hexham (2 20). Worcester (2.25): York (C4, 2 15).

TENNIS: Men's and women's satellite tournaments (Nottingham).Maureen Connolly Cup: Great Britain under-21s v United States under-21 (Glasgow)

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Birmingham v Southend (2.55).

RUGBY LEAGUE

HALIFAX WORLD CUP: Group one: Fiji v South Africa (Keighley, 2.30). Group two: New Zealand v Tonga (Warrington, 6.0).

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Bupa Great South Run (Portsmouth).

BOWLS: Causeway Coast Masters (Ballymoney)

BASKETBALL: European Championship for men: Semi-final round Latvia v England (8.0)

MOTOR SPORT: British Formula Three Championship (Silverstone).

TENNIS: Men's and women's satellite tournaments (Nottingham)

BELFORT, France: World half-marathon championships: 1 M Tanui (Ken) 1hr 1min 45sec; 2, P Yego (Ken) 1:01:50; 3, C Tangus (Ken) 1:01:56; 4, A Serrano (Sp) 1:02.28; 5, J Thugwane (SA) 1:02.32; 6, D Alves Dos Santos (Br) 1:02.32; 7, H Vasquez (Col) 1:02.36, 8, N Sato (Japan) 1:02.38; 9, Y Miyamoto (Japan) 1:02.40; 10, J Pinheiro (Por) 1:02.41. Women: 1, V Yegorova (Russ) 1:09.58; 2, C Pomacu (Rom) 1:10.22; 3, A Catuna (Rom) 1:10.26; 4, C de Reuck (SA) 1:10.34; 5, A Zhilyayeva (Russ) 1:10.39; 6, E Fidatov (Rom) 1:10.39; 7, A Isabel Alonso (Sp) 1:10.43; 8, Z Dahmani (Fr) 1:11:28; 9, M Viceconte (It) 1:11.32; 10, R Rios (Sp) 1:11.42; 11, A Buia (Rom) 1:11.44; 12, K Gradus (Pol) 1:11.45; 13, M Renders (Bel) 1:11.52; 14, L Doering (US) 1:11.54; 15, C Fuentes (Sp) 1:12.01.

NEW YORK: Fifth Avenue Mile: Men: 1, I Viciosa (Sp) 3min 47.8sec; 2, S Kipkorir (Ken) 3:48.2; 3, G Di Napoli (It) 3:50.7; 4, S Benleres (Fr) 3:51.8; 5, A Whiteman (GB) 3:53.5; 6, J Mayock (GB) 3:54.4; 7, D Maas (US) 3:54.7; 8, G Lough (GB) 3:55.1; 9, G Hood (Can) 3:55.5; 10, H Siba (Mor) 3:57.7. Women: 1, S Delahunty (Ire) 4:25.2; 2, P Radcliffe (GB) 4:25.8; 3, B Bitzner-Ducret (Fr) 4:26.9; 4, L Borisova (Russ) 4:30.1; 5, P Plumer (US) 4.30.7; 6, M Rydz (Pol) 4:38.5; 7, J Jenkins (US) 4:39 6; 8, T Paulino (Moz) 4:44.6; 9, P Cassard (Italy) 4:45.0, 10 F Bensel (US) 4:45.1.

ATHENS: Spartathlon (152 miles; Athens to Sparta) 1, J Zarei (GB) 25hr 59min 42sec; 2, V Halklas (Gre) 27:49:46; 3, B Smith (Aus) 28:12:24.

EDINBURGH: Bupa Great Caledonian Run (10km road race): 1, G Staines (Belgrave) 28min 46sec (course record); 2, A Pearson (Longwood) 28:50; 3, C Kelong (Kenya) 29:18; 4, B Jabour (Morocco) 29:35; 5, C Robison (Spango Valley) 29:35; 6, D Burke (Ireland) 29:50; 7, R Findlow (Bradford and Airedale) 30:23; 8, M *Hawkins (Bingley) 30:27; 9, I Brown (Leslie* Deans RC) 30:33; 10, T Murray (Spango Valley) 30:45.15, S Cram (Jarrow and Hebburn) 31:22.26, J Ngugi (Kenya) 32:11. Veterans: 1, B Kirkwood (Leslie Deans RC) 31:44; 2, G Sim (Moray) 32:07, A Hutton (Leslie Deans RC) 32:18. Women: 1, L McColgan (Dundee Hawkhill) 33:27; 2, M Sutton (Westbury) 33:31; 3, K McCandless *(US/Shaftesbury Barnet) 34:12; 4, A Wright* (Bridgnorth) 34:30; 5, H Harning (City of Glasgow) 35:08.

BRIGHTON: London to Brighton road race (55 miles): Men: 1, S Ackerman (SA) 5hr 55min 48sec (course record); 2, Z Ndaba (SA) 6:18:24; 3, J Msutu (SA) 6:25 40. Veteran: C Matomane (South Africa) 6:26:54. *Team: Gengold Harriers,* South Africa 9. Women: L Turner (Rowheath) 7:11:39.

SHEFFIELD: Reebok North of England road relay championships: Men (8 x 7km): 1, Border 1hr 59min 43sec; 2, Bingley 1:59:48; 3, Morpeth 1:59:50; 4, Liverpool 2:01:25; 5, Salford (holders) 2:01:43, 6, Sunderland 2:03:46; 7, Chester-le-Street 2:03.49; 8, Liverpool Pembroke 2:03:55; 9, Sale Manchester 2:04:26; 10, Gateshead 2:04:33. Fastest laps: 1, P Taylor (Border) 19:08; 2, S Green (Bingley) 19:15; 3, C Moore (Bingley) 19:22; 4, D Swanston (Border) 19:26; 5, I Hudspith (Morpeth) 19:27; 6, J Lisiewicz (Morpeth) and S Bell (Chester-le-Street) 19:28. Women *(4 x 3.5km):* 1, Leeds City 46:22; 2, Liverpool (holders) 46:29; 3, Spenborough 46:53; 4, Altrincham 46:59; 5, Sheffield 47:01; 6, Liverpool B 47:21. Fastest laps: 1, H Heasman (Horwich) 10:46, 2, J Jones (Altrincham) 10.54; 3, J Shields (Sheffield) 10:58.

BIRMINGHAM: National road walking relay championships: Men (22km): 1, Leicester WC 1:46:24; 2, Belgrave 1:58:53; 3, Leicester WC B 2:00:24; 4, Surrey WC 2:01:37; 5, Steyning 2:02:20; 6, Sheffield RWC 2:02:25. Fastest senior lap (6km): P Vesty (Leicester WC) 27:03. Women (16km): 1, Sheffield RWC 1:22:17; 2, Birchfield 1.23.47; 3, Wolverhampton and Bilston 1:28:29; 4, Dudley and Stourbridge 1.29:29, 5, Steyning 1:31:49; 6, Sheffield RWC B 1.34.47. Fastest senior laps (6km): 1, L Langford (Wolverhampton and Bilston) 27.32, 2, V Lupton (Sheffield RWC) 28:31; 3, K Baird (Dudley and Stourbridge) 29:39.

OSTRAVA: *European Junior Women's* Champion Clubs Cup (Selected British performances): Wigan performances: 100m: 5, L Eastwood 12.32sec. 200m: 5, *Eastwood 25.44. 100m hurdles: 4, D Bolt* 15.43 400m hurdles: 8, Bolt 68.17. High jump: 3, S Jones 1.71. Match result: 1, Russia (St Petersburg) 118pts; 2, Slovenia (Velje) 98; 3, Russia (Moscow, holders) 94; 4, Ukraine (Nikolaev) 92; 5, Czech Republic (Ostrava) 91, 6, Poland (Gdansk) 82; 7, Italy (Milan) 61; 8, Czech Republic (Jablonec) 53. 9, Britain (Wigan) 45.

PARIS: European *Junior Men's* Champion Clubs Cup (Selected British performances): 100m: 1, T Cameron (Shaftesbury Barnet) 11.09sec. 200m: 1, Cameron 22.70 400m: 1, N Hoque (Blackheath) 49 01. 400m hurdles: 2, R Tebares (Blackheath) 56.50. 4 x 100m relay: 1, Blackheath 43.10. 4 x 400m relay: 2, Blackheath 3.19.66. Shot: 1, E Udechuku (Blackheath) 14.41m; 2, D Burnett (Shaftesbury Barnet) 13.26m. Discus: 2, Udechukwu 45.50m. Javelin: 2, A Benn (Blackheath) 58.74m. Match result: 1, Slovenia (Partisan Belgrade) 133; 2, Great Britain (Blackheath) 102. 3, France (CA Montreuil, Paris) 94; 4, Greece (Panhellinios, Athens) 85; 5, Britain (Shaftesbury Barnet) 77, 6, Switzerland (LC Zurich) 72; 7, Holland (AAC Amsterdam) 67; 8, Denmark (Viking Ronne) 65.

WORMWOOD SCRUBS: Inter-club cross country match (5.25 miles): 1, P Martin (Hillingdon) 29:52; 2, G O'Looney (Ealing, Southall and Middlesex) 30:19; 3, J O'Looney (Ealing, Southall and Middlesex) 31:01, 4, T Jones (Hillingdon) 31:04. Teams: 1, Hillingdon 27; 2, Ealing, Southall and Middlesex 60; 3, Thames Valley Harriers 68. Veteran: J Myall (Hillingdon) 35:31. Over 50: C Campbell (Hillingdon) 36 03. Over 65: S Charlton (Thames Valley Harriers) 37:32 Women: S Rimmer (Unattached) 38 05.

CLERKENWELL: National Postmen's in Uniform (6 miles road walk): 1, D Turner (Brighouse, holder) 47:45, 2, D Jackson (York) 47:51. 3, S Allwood (Mount Pleasant) 48:48. Teams: 1, York 28, 2, Mount Pleasant 31; 3, Birmingham 57. Women: equal 1, I Boyd (Northern District, London) and J Godsell (Blackheath) 1:18:43.

Stones Championship

Bradford 34 Sheffield 18

Bradford: Tries: Newlove 3, Fox, Hall, Paul, Scales. Goals: Fox 3. Sheffield: Tries: Carr 2, Senior, Sodje. Goals: Aston. Att: 4,254.

London Broncos 44 Workington 8

London Broncos: Tries: Hauff 4, Butt, Cochrane, Matterson, Roselen. Goals: Matterson 6. Workington: Tries: McGinty, Penrice. Att: 1,238.

Oldham 14 Leeds 48

Oldham: Tries: Hill, Lord. Goals: Maloney 3. Leeds: Tries: Eyres, Fallon, Harmon, Innes, Iro, Schofield, Tait. Goals: Cook 7. Dropped goals: Schofield. Att: 3,782.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	9	9	0	0	412	119	18
Leeds	9	7	0	2	325	187	14
Halifax	8	6	0	2	202	167	12
St Helens	8	5	0	3	322	204	10
Warrington	9	4	0	5	216	208	8
Bradford	8	4	0	4	185	218	8
Castleford	8	4	0	4	178	219	8
London Broncos	8	3	0	5	166	221	6
Workington	8	2	0	6	131	298	4
Oldham	8	1	0	7	121	266	2
Sheffield	9	1	0	8	160	342	2

First division

Featherstone 10 Huddersfield 22

Featherstone: Tries: Gibson, Rothwell. Goal: Pearson. Huddersfield: Tries: Hanger, Marsden, Milner, M St Hilaire. Goals: Pearce 3. Att: 2,079.

Salford 38 Hull 22

Salford: Tries: Ford 2, Blakeley, Edwards, Forber, Panapa. Goals: Blakeley 7. Hull: Tries: Duke, Hewitt, Jackson, Sterling. Goals: McNamara 3. Att: 2,383.

Wakefield 34 Dewsbury 24

Wakefield: Tries: Kuld 2, Brown, Clarkson, Davis, Eaton, Helliwell. Goals: Eaton 3. Dewsbury: Tries: Conway 2, L Johnson, Longo. Goals: Conway 4. Att: 2,020.

Whitehaven 14 Rochdale 14

Whitehaven: Tries: Seeds 2, Hetherington. Goal: Anderson. Rochdale: Tries: Marriott, Pachniuk, Ryan. Goals: Churm. Att: 1,018.

Widnes 18 Keighley 18

Widnes: Tries: Gartland, McCurrie. Goals: Gartland 4. Keighley: Tries: Eyres, Stoop. Goals: Irving 3. Dropped goals: Ramshaw 2. Att: 5,498.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Keighley	8	7	1	0	277	93	15
Salford	8	7	0	1	281	137	14
Widnes	8	6	1	1	218	140	13
Hull	8	5	0	3	263	141	10
Featherstone	8	4	0	4	157	183	8
Rochdale	8	3	1	4	145	206	7
Batley	8	3	0	5	138	196	6
Wakefield	9	3	0	6	158	252	6
Whitehaven	8	2	1	5	119	189	5
Huddersfield	9	2	0	7	192	257	4
Dewsbury	8	1	0	7	117	271	2

Regal Trophy

First round

Barrow	29	Park Amateurs	11
Bramley	20	Woolston	17
Carlisle	38	*Doncaster*	*10*
Chorley	92	Nottingham	0
Highfield	46	H Hampstead	18
Hull K R	72	Blackpool	6
Hunslet	34	Ellenborough	24
Swinton	44	West Hull	20
Saturday			
Leigh	18	St Esteve	19
York	24	Pia	22

HOCKEY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 8 Durham 1; Fife 8 Cardiff 17; Milton Keynes 8 Sheffield 8; Nottingham 11 Slough 6. First division: Chelmsford 8 Solihull 2; Dumfries 5 Peterborough 2; Guildford 6 Blackburn 19; Paisley 8 Bracknell 2; Swindon 17 Billingham 3, Telford 16 Murrayfield 5.

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John Goodbody reports on the martial arts sport which trains people how not to injure their opponents

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The art of pulling punches

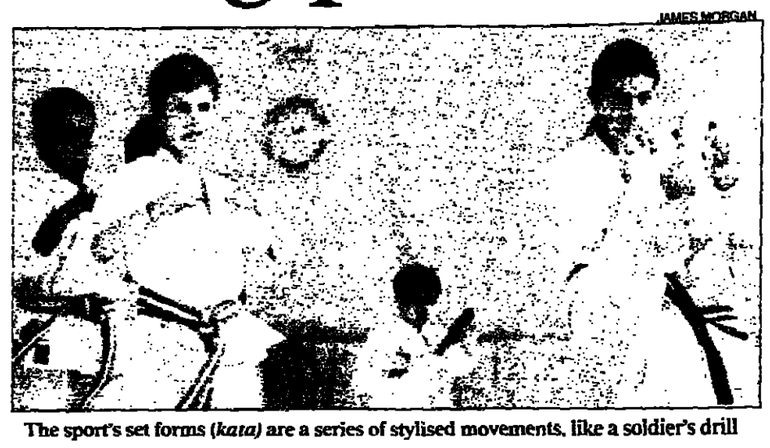


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JAMES MORGAN



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Karate, which means empty hands, is a paradoxical sport. Its destructive array of kicks and blows appear to make this Japanese martial art the province of the intimidator — the sort of person it would be good to have watching your back in a pub fight.

However, karate actually emphasises placidity of temperament. Right from the start, karate teaches the importance of avoiding violence. Its set forms (*kata*) are a series of stylised movements, like a soldier's drill, which always begin with defence.

The theory of all combat sports is that any aggressive instincts are sublimated, rather than encouraged, by the unceasing and disciplined exercise. In short, a punch-up in a training hall means no punch-up in the pub. John Whiteman, a property developer who practises karate at The Budokwai club in London — which is Europe's oldest martial arts club — says: "Before I began training, I used to get upset when driving but now I cannot be bothered."

Thirty years ago, the first instructors from the Japan Karate Association arrived in Britain, like messiahs, to begin creating the boom in the sport. There are now probably 100,000 people in Britain practising one or other of the numerous styles of karate.

Some schools put emphasis on speed. Others concentrate on strength. Oyama, who fought bulls bare-handed, or Yamaguchi, who flourished by sitting underneath waterfalls, were both inventors of their own styles of karate.

Shotokan is the largest school, with its emphasis on precision and exact technique but often the techniques of kicking, punching and striking differ only slightly. Like other Japanese martial arts, karate has a grading system, shown by the different colours of the belts worn. Gradings are based on an assessment of technique and fighting spirit.

To graduate from the beginner white belt to the advanced proficiency black belt, will take about three years, if the pupil is reasonably athletic and trains three or four times a week. During training, a karateka (a person who practices karate) endlessly practises his or her moves, making sure they focus thepunch or kick. The force comes from tensing the entire body, particularly the stomach, as the blow is struck, or rather not struck, for participants are not allowed to actually land blows on unprotected opponents. Otherwise, there would not be many of them.

All blows are pulled. In competition, fighters have to pierce their opponents' guards in order to demonstrate to watching officials the validity of the technique. If competitors are ruled to have failed to control their blows by hitting an opponent, they may be disqualified. Sometimes, a competitor is declared the winner, even if in no physical condition to continue.

Controversy is constant when rival styles meet in open combat. In one notorious bout in the 1975 world championships, Dominique Valera, a Frenchman and the finest fighter of his era, was so upset with a series of decisions that he attacked three British officials. He was finally led from the arena at gunpoint by police — given his physical ability this was a necessary precaution — and was banned from competition for life.

Many people starting karate are not interested in competition. Kevin Healy, chief instructor at The Budokwai and a former member of the national team, believes that 90 per cent of beginners are motivated by self-defence. He emphasises the martial side of karate. "To punch or kick properly can take years."

Karate has become increasingly popular with women and children. Rebecca Mellotte, who trains at the Budokwai, is not unique in being a black belt at both judo and karate but is unusual in practising both simultaneously. She finds the flexibility needed for karate useful for judo. Before she began training she was a nun. "I do not think my order could cope with me," she says.

Mr Whiteman is amazed at how supple he has become. "When I started I was very inflexible. Now I can control a head-high kick," he says. Both agree that karate is an excellent form of self-defence, although much of its value comes from becoming more alert and confident. Ms Mellotte says: "Most people who get attacked in the street are vulnerable people."

Training does not stop as a karateka gets older, because the purpose of martial arts is to create a challenge, a constant struggle. As a Japanese instructor put it: "There is no end to training. Once you begin to think you are a master, you are no longer on the path you are to follow."

KARATE FACT FILE

● To find out details about your nearest karate club, telephone or write to the headquarters of the Karate Union of Great Britain, 10, Munsters Rd., West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7PL (tel: 0115-9820757). There are 450 clubs throughout Britain which are affiliated to the KUGB. A new members licence costs £16 for a senior and £14 for a junior licence.

The cost of a training session varies according to the club. The Budokwai club, 4 Gilston Road, Chelsea, London, SW10 9SL (tel: 0171-370-1000), charges £45 for annual senior membership and £35 for children under 12, then £3 for each session. Senior classes are held five days a week.



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Beleaguered England centre finds crowd on his side in running media gauntlet

Carling and Harlequins survive scrutiny

Harlequins 34
West Hartlepool 18

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THOSE who arrived at the Stoop Memorial Ground on Saturday, uncertain whether they were attending a media event or a rugby match, were left in no doubt by the conclusion. It was neither a vintage performance by Will Carling nor his club, but it became a worthy sporting contest which ended with Harlequins still jostling with Bath at the head of the Courage Clubs Championship.

Carling, the England centre (he must not be called captain), beleaguered by a media desperate for details of his private life, will have been as sickened by the pre and post-match furore as anyone. A ludicrously overpaid police operation added an unnecessary sense of drama, with the player being secreted into the stand more than two hours before the kick-off and whisked away at high speed in a police van afterwards, as though he were a criminal, rather than a private individual of limited significance.

But he turned up, which was as much as anyone had a right to expect, wisely saying nothing and leaving his actions to speak for him. A cheer greeted his every touch of the ball and when he battered his way through two tackles for the try which brough Harlequins to level terms, the roof nearly came off the stand: a sympathetic crowd preserved a discreet silence when Williams, the big Australian in West's midfield, bumped off a couple of tackles or when Carling sliced his touch kicks.

How much the operation will cost Harlequins remains to be seen; suffice it to say that if win bonuses were already part of the game, Harlequins would have found theirs docked to pay for the additional policing. "Will just wants to continue with the things he enjoys doing, training, playing rugby, getting on with his business and sorting out his domestic situation," Colin Herridge, the Rugby Football Union's (RFU) media liaison officer, said: "He and Julia [Carling's wife] want to get back together in a bit of peace and quiet.

"Will still hopes to be considered for the England captaincy. He's playing well, he's made a conscious decision to continue, his appetite has not diminished." Thus, the onus returns to Jack Rowell, the England manager, over the announcement of the leadership. RFU officials having made clear over the weekend that they would support their manager in this respect.

Rowell was to have visited the Stoop but decided to stay away, thereby missing a game in which Harlequins blew hot and cold while West Hartlepool indicated that, even at the bottom of the first division, they neither lack confidence nor star quality.

Tim Stimpson is, according to Barry Forster, the club's director of rugby, the next England full back, and he showed why he has been included in the most recent national training squad. Stimpson, 22, who has eradicated the languid style of his student days, gave a resounding display both of attacking play and of goalkicking, the Achilles' heel of other contenders like Mike Catt, Ian Hunter and Paul Hull.

He looks like a latter-day Jonathan Webb, only more so at 6ft 3in and nearly 16st, and he was quick enough to outpace Bromley over half the length of the pitch. "He is only 75 per cent fit and I had to order him to play after he aggravated an old rib injury during the warm-up," Forster said. "It would have been too demoralising for the rest of the team if he had cried off."

If that is true, it does not bode well for West Hartlepool's future since no team should be so dependent upon one player, but Stimpson's maturity is emphasised by his position as vice-captain. Not even his youthful bloom could disguise the difficulty West had supporting the ball-carrier in numbers, or the way in which their defence was pulled raggedly around the field. When they needed it, Harlequins had the extra class and pace, even when Pears imitated some of Carling's excusable lapses in concentration. In the circumstances, his decision to play closer to the forwards than might normally have been the case was understandable and allowed Sheasby to add to his laurels.

The No 8 has become one of the most undervalued players on the representative scene and one of the most influential in his club. "One of the best ball-winners in the first division," Keith Richardson, his coach, said of him, and that on a day when Harlequins, for obvious reasons, were not at their best. In three weeks, against Bath, we will see how good Sheasby and his colleagues really are.

SCORERS: Harlequins: Tries: Carling, Sheasby, Kitchin, Brown, Bromley; Conversions: Pears (3). Dropped goal: Pears. West Hartlepool: Tries: Hodder, Stimpson. Conversion: Stimpson. Penalty goals: Stimpson, Parker.

HARLEQUINS: J Staples, D O'Leary, W Carling, W Greenwood, S Bromley; D Pears, R Kiefner; S Brown, S Mitchell, A Mullins, M Russell, A Snow, P Thresher, R Jenkins, C Sheasby.

WEST HARTLEPOOL: T Stimpson, O Evans, J Williams, C Lee, A Parker, P Hodder, S Cook; P Lancaster, T Herbert, M Shelley, D Mitchell, C Murphy, K Westgarth, A Brown, R Wainwright. Stimpson temporarily replaced by M Shaw (41-44min).

Referee: E Morrison (Bristol).



Carling plunges over for his try against West Hartlepool on Saturday after strength and determination had seen him shake off two tackles. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Copsey's disgrace mars day of broken promise

Llanelli 12
Cardiff 16

BY GERALD DAVIES

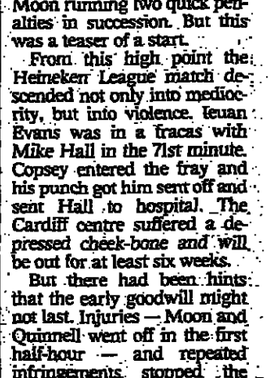
ONE of these days it might be possible to say that the arrival matched all that travelling in hope beforehand; anticipation of a great rugby *match* equalled or even bettered by fulfilment. That precious day may come, but not yet. As with Leicester and Bath the previous weekend, so with Llanelli and Cardiff at Stradey Park on Saturday, the standard of play fell below what one would naturally expect of the two clubs.

In their other matches, both teams had created such colourful patterns and from the opening minutes, it seemed that they had every intention of continuing. Moore, making a mark from the kick-off, took his chance quickly to release Hill on the wing. Llanelli immediately responded with Moon running two quick penalties in succession. But this was a teaser of a start.

From this high point the Heineken League match descended not only into mediocrity, but into violence. Ieuan Evans was in a fracas with Mike Hall in the 71st minute. Copsey entered the fray and his punch got him sent off and sent Hall to hospital. The Cardiff centre suffered a depressed cheek-bone and will be out for at least six weeks.

But there had been hints that the early goodwill might not last. Injuries — Moon and Quinnell went off in the first half-hour — and repeated infringements stopped the continuity of movement. There were errors of judgment by players and referee. Players failed to release the ball soon enough; the referee, far too soon, blew his whistle. Frustration was setting in.

The lineout was a free-for-all where Llanelli were culpable in continually attempting to manhandle Cardiff's two tall locks, Jones and Stewart. The surprise was that only two penalties were awarded in this contentious area. Cardiff, for their part, were overstepping the offside mark in midfield. Hall and Humphreys were guilty of an early tackle and obstruction easily to be interpreted as professional fouls.



Hall: out for six weeks after blow from Copsey

Afterwards, Cardiff blamed Llanelli for killing the ball on the ground. Llanelli blamed the referee for being "too involved with his whistle". There were 41 penalties altogether. At 32, a match at this level might have come too early in this referee's career. Although he was escorted off the field by two policemen at the end it was an exaggerated gesture.

Much more to the point, however, was that neither the skills nor the temperament of either club were good enough when the big moment came. Neither coach seemed to be critical of his own side. Both teams reverted to negative tactics so typical of recent seasons. This was a bitter disappointment for Llanelli's biggest crowd for a club match for quite a few seasons. The try bonanza dried up, confrontation became the method and penalties the way of scoring points. "The game underachieved," was the conclusion of Gareth Jenkins, the Llanelli coach.

The only try came from Humpreys, who scored after a break by Taylor from a scrum. Adrian Davies converted this to take the visitors into the lead after McCarthy's early penalty. Three more penalties by McCarthy gave Llanelli the half-time lead; three penalties by Davies gave Cardiff the victory that means they have survived their testing start to the season without loss.

SCORERS: Llanelli: Penalty goals: M McCarthy (4). Cardiff: Try: J Humphreys. Conversion: A Davies. Penalty goals: A Davies (3).

LLANELLI: J Thomas; I Evans, N Boobyer, N Davies, W Proctor; M McCarthy, R Moon; R Jones, A Lamerton, S John, C Quinnell, P Davies, A Copsey, P Morris; G Lloyd. Moon replaced by H Hardes (24min); Quinnell replaced by J Williams (29).

CARDIFF: S Davies; S Hill, M Hall, M Rees, S Ford; A Davies, A Moore; A Lewis, Humphreys, L Mustoe, M Bennett, K Stewart, D Jones, V Davies, H Taylor.

Referee: C White (RFU).

Bath troubled by talent in reserve

Bath 55
Orrell 20

BY PETER BILLS

THE man from the French rugby newspaper, *Midi Olympique*, confessed to a certain bewilderment at events on Saturday at the Recreation Ground. "*Pas d'engagements*," was his comment on the lack of strife among the forwards. The absence of a baying mob of *supporters he ascribed to the* "natural politeness" of the English.

Bath, he considered, were satisfactory but not brilliant. "Too little innovation in their back play: they do always the same things and do not bring the full back into the line sufficiently." Both comments were correct. "The lads came in afterwards knowing they could have scored 80 points," John Hall, Bath's team manager, said. Phil de Glanville, the captain, agreed, adding: "There remain areas of the play where we can improve hugely."

For Bath to have amassed 55 points without touching the heights emphasises the gulf between the teams. Orrell, staring down the barrel at the interval, when they were 31-6 behind, hung on bravely, scoring two tries themselves. They should continue to derive much encouragement from Johnson's inspirational play and leadership.

Bath ran up 22 points in the opening 25 minutes, the in-form Adebayo scoring twice, as play was opened up at every opportunity. Orrell needed to maximise every scoring opportunity but Mason's wayward goalkicking meant four first-half penalties went begging. Callard, by contrast, demonstrated a kicking style as smooth and stylish as Bobby Jones's golf swing.

What may concern Bath rather more than the further improvement they seek is how to keep on board the number of fine players to whom they cannot guarantee a first-team *game every week. On Saturday*, the United XV contained such luminaries as Geoghegan, Peters, Hilton and Sleightholme, the first three World Cup players.

Hall recognises the dangers. "The 120-day restriction will have to go and, when it does, keeping strong reserve players is going to become a major problem," he said.

"We know some players in the United side have already been approached. I just hope that quite soon we will have something in place — not just financial but an overall package with a career route — which will keep most of the players here."

SCORERS: Bath: Tries: Adebayo (2), Callard (2), Guscott, Ubogu, de Glanville, Catt. Conversions: Callard (6). Penalty goal: Callard. Orrell: Tries: Scott, Johnson. Conversions: Mason (2). Penalty goals: Mason (2).

BATH: J Callard, A Lumsden, P de Glanville, J Guscott, A Adebayo, M Catt; A Nicol, K Yates, G Dawe, V Ubogu, A Robinson, M Haag, N Redman, S Ojomoh, B Clarke.

ORRELL: S Mason, J Naylor, P Johnson, I Wynn, G Smith, P Harrier, A Healey, P Winstanley, M Scott, J Cundick, J Hurley, C Cusani, M Glynn, P Morley, S Bibby. Cusani temporarily replaced by H Parr (3-14 min), permanently replaced Parr (50 min).

Referee: N Cousins (London).

Leicester employ muscle to further cause

Gloucester 14
Leicester 27

BY BRYAN STILES

DEAN RICHARDS is a man of few words and he was in no mood to chat about why he had received his second yellow card for foul play in consecutive weeks on Saturday.

The England No 8 appreciates that, under rugby's foul-play regulations, a second yellow card means a visit to his county disciplinary committee and the likelihood that he will be suspended.

The Leicester captain, who received a card the previous Saturday, against Bath, said: "I shall reserve what I have to say for the hearing," and refused to comment on the decision by Brian Campsall, the referee.

The incident came 15 minutes from the end of a fractious game in which Leicester, the champions, were battling to get their Courage Clubs Championship season back on track after losing to Bath the previous week.

Gloucester, with only one league win to their credit, were clearly determined to stop them and to impress Richard Hill, their new director of coaching. It led to an outpouring of red-blooded endeavour that produced brawls, bouts of wrestling and — apart from two smashing tries — a boring match riddled with errors.

It was hardly the kind of fare the paying customers have a right to expect. And what about the expansive game that Leicester were supposed to be entertaining rugby followers with this season? It seems to have been kicked into touch with the boot that Niall Malone uses to hoist his interminable up-and-unders.

As Steve Hackney, their wing, grumbled: "I worked my socks off in training all week and all I got was two passes." If Leicester, with all the second-half possession they enjoyed, had stuck to their promise of spreading the ball wide, he would have had a bumper bundle of passes.



Richards: yellow card

Leicester were more than matched by Gloucester in the first half as West and Sims produced a lot of possession from the lineout, giving Johnson, the England lock, a torrid time. The frustrated Johnson vented his fury in a ruck and he, too, received a yellow card.

Liley kicked two penalty goals in the first half to cancel out one from Tim Smith and another from Kimber by the interval. Back picked up *Leicester's first try four minutes* into the second half when he was driven over by his pack from a lineout. Then Liley and Kimber exchanged penalty goals before Holford scored a fine try, intercepting a pass and holding his nerve as he ran almost the length of the pitch.

It raised Gloucester's spirits, but then came an even better effort from Leicester. From a lineout on the right, they spun the ball along the line for Potter to make a half-break and send in Kilford in the left corner.

Despite the defeat, this was an encouraging *start for* Gloucester under Hill's management. He knows they need more skilful backs and an accurate goalkicker.

SCORERS: Gloucester: Try: Holford. Penalty goals: T Smith, Kimber (2). Leicester: Tries: Back, Kilford. Conversion: Liley. Penalty goals: Liley (5).

GLOUCESTER: T Smith; P Holford, D Caskie, M Roberts, L Osborne, M Kimber; B Fenley, A Powles, J Hawker, A Deacon, P Glanville, D Sims, R West, I Smith, C Raymond.

LEICESTER: J Liley, S Hackney, S Potter, R Robinson, W Kilford; N Malone, J Hamilton, G Rowntree, R Cockerill, D Garforth, J Wells, M Johnson, M Poole, N Back, D Richards. Back temporarily replaced by O Wingham (40-42min).

Referee: B Campsall (Yorkshire).

Smooth Andrew snuffs out Turner's flair

Sale 18
Wasps 25

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

WALES want Jonathan Davies back from rugby league. England have invested hope for the future in David Pears and the sticking-plaster holding together the brilliant but physically brittle Harlequins player. Where have all the stand-off halves gone?

Painting-by-numbers rugby, conformist coaching methods that for years have beaten flair and invention out of No 10s, have left a dearth. Paul Turner, Sale's ringmaster, excites because he is daring, slapdash, different, above all a crowd-pleaser (professional rugby union take note): though the veteran Welshman's more surreal moments on Saturday raised a few hackles in defeat.

With Turner, you expect the unexpected, swoon when it comes off and wince when it fails. Rob Andrew is out of a more conservative mould altogether: consistently accomplished, a smooth operator. After a first half spent bewitched, bothered and bewildered, Andrew, the arch-pivot, upstaged Turner, the arch-playmaker, in support of a pack whose power was the telling difference.

Wasps may say farewell to Andrew, who began work at Newcastle yesterday, sooner than they imagine. He is eligible for another eight Courage Clubs Championship games, but these are only in pencil. Turner is 36 and the reins at stand-off are gradually being handed over to Rob Liley, who switched to full back and gave Andrew a rare lesson in place-kicking.

Shorn of Turner's swagger, Sale have most to fear. Given the minuscule possession Wasps permitted them at the set pieces, they only threatened because of their master craftsman's blinding array of quick taps, feints and swerves, and raking touch-finders. The trouble was that Wasps eventually snared him.

It was an off-balance dropped goal that Turner put over as Sale led 15-11 at the break, yet anything his counterpart had done, Andrew managed better, with two efforts of his own. By getting a hand to a subsequent attempt by Turner, Andrew kept Sale at bay, as he did with a sterling tackling stint.

In their one moment of genuine incisiveness, backs and forwards combined fluently for the first try by Ryan — Scrivener's was a giveaway by Sale after a switch to the front of the lineout — but Wasps must keep the ball alive far better if they are to beat Bath at home next weekend.

SCORERS: Sale: Penalty goals: Liley (5). Dropped goal: Turner. Wasps: Tries: Ryan, Scrivener. Penalty goals: Andrew (3). Dropped goals: Andrew (2).

SALE: R Liley, J Mallinder, J Bayendell, G Higginbottom, M Appleson; P Turner, C Severmutto; A Yates, S Diamond; A Smith, D O'Grady, D Baldwin, D Erskine, N Ashurst, A MacFarlane. Ashurst temporarily replaced by P Hewitt (19-21min); MacFarlane replaced by Hewitt (64).

WASPS: J Ufton; P Hopley, D Hopley, A James, S Ryan; R Andrew, S Bates, N Popplewell, K Dunn, I Dumston, L Dallaglio, M Greenwood, D Ryan, M White, P Scrivener.

Referee: S Piercy (Yorkshire).



Hull: overlooked

Hull flies standard of excellence in face of rejection

Barry Trowbridge cannot understand why Bristol's captain has received such a raw deal from England

AGAIN overlooked by his country, yet creator of all good things Bristolian. For admirers of *Paul Hull*, and there are many, it is a familiar scenario. Twelve months ago, Hull held the England No 15 jersey: deservedly so, too. One of a small band to impress consistently on the tour of South Africa, Hull found the full back's shirt almost made to measure. *He had served his apprentice*ship and had made the grade — master craftsman.

As most of the England players bumbled their way to a stodgy 54-3 victory over Romania last November, Hull confirmed his worth; he could perform as well in English conditions as on the hard grounds of South Africa. Canada next, on December 10. That went well, too: at least it did for 26 minutes. Exit Hull injured; enter Mike Catt, who has been in favour ever since.

Nevertheless, when the England training squad of 35, for the match against South Africa on November 18, was named last week, Hull had *every reason to expect the call*. Excluded from the World Cup party, he had proved an outstanding leader of England A in Australia and, this season, as captain of Bristol, he had — results apart — barely put a foot wrong. Yet once more he was overlooked; and once more, he was not told why. As Saracens, beaten 24-11 by Bristol at Southgate in the televised Courage Clubs Championship match on Saturday, will testify, he is not finished yet.

With Wring and Keyter, their fourth midfield combination in as many starts, at least showing promise, there was no need to employ the Bracken-Hull mismove that caused problems for West Hartlepool recently. Hull's incursions into the line were more orthodox, but he was as sharp as ever and his speed of thought in the tackle a revelation.

One moment a one-to-one situation was met with a textbook tackle which stopped Gregory in full stride; the next, with players in support, the Saracens wing found himself unable to release the ball after a glorious smothering challenge.

As a spectacle for live television, the match offered little, not helped by the gloom that enveloped the ground before half-time. If only for spending most of the last half-hour in the final third of the field, Saracens deserved their try, by Garry Holmes, *two minutes from* time. But as they had turned round 18-3 down, it really was a case of too little too late. For Hull, another day at the office, and a job well done. But who could blame him if he took more lucrative employment?

SCORERS: Saracens: Try: Holmes. Penalty goals: Tunningley (2). Bristol: Tries: Maggs, Shaw. Conversion: Tainton. Penalty goals: Tainton (4).

SARACENS: A Tunningley, M Gregory, J Buckton, D Dooley, P Hughes; A Lee, B Davies, G Holmes; G Botterman, S Wilson, J Green, D Brain, M Burrow, R Hill. A Diprose. Brain replaced by C Yendell (60 min).

BRISTOL: P Hull, K Maggs, J Keyter, D Wring, M Denney; M Tainton, K Bracken; A Sharp, M Regan, D Hinkins, R Armstrong, S Shaw, G Archer, C Barrow, M Corry.

Referee: J Watts (Somerset).

Sheffield showman steps up a gear to relieve Robinson of world featherweight title

Hamed goes from strength to strength

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

NASEEM HAMED raised the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) featherweight championship to world-class status on Saturday when he relieved Steve Robinson, of Wales, of the title in Cardiff. By demolishing the champion in eight one-sided rounds, Hamed joined a select WBO group of three boxers regarded as the best in their divisions in the world: Riddick Bowe (heavyweight), Oscar De La Hoya (super-featherweight) and Marco Antonia Barerra (super-bantamweight).

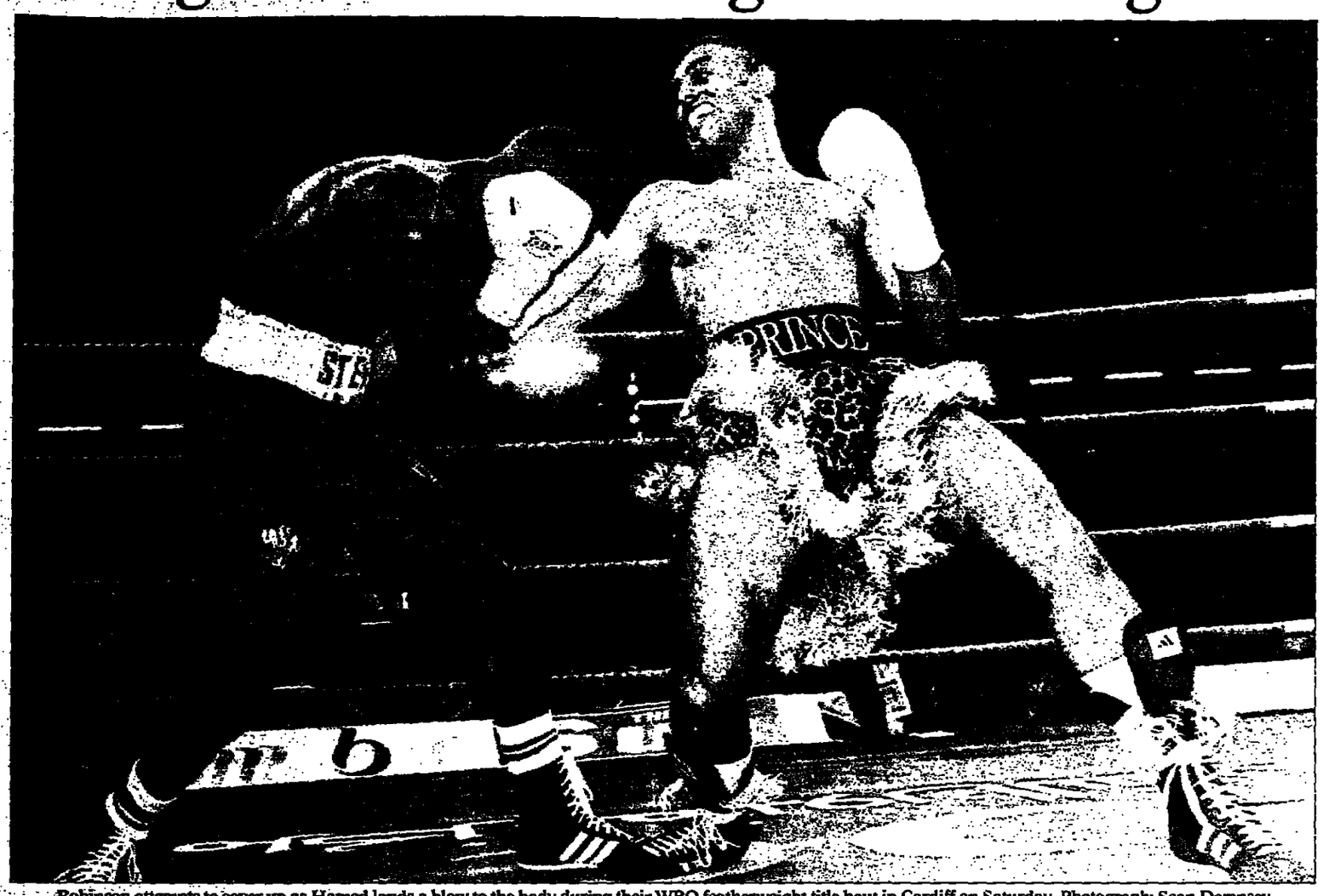
John Montano, the chairman of the WBO championship committee, said that Hamed could, before long, stand alongside these three. "Naseem is fast going to become one of the best fighters in the world bar none," Montano said. "He's an extraordinary fighter. He can be as good as he wants to be and he can go as far as he wants to.

"As far as him climbing up different divisions is concerned, if you can't hit him, you can't beat him. Simple as that. In boxing, you've got to learn to punch. You can't land punches on him. The bigger the opponent is, the harder it is going to be to land on Naseem. The referees are quicker in the lower divisions, so he'll have an advantage."

Hamed said he believed that he could win titles at four heavier divisions up to welterweight. "My legs are very strong. Billy Schwer [the lightweight Commonwealth champion] will probably be looking at the fight and be saying, 'I hope he's not coming my way'. Tell Billy he's all right. I'm not coming up just yet," Hamed said.

Certainly, on this showing, it seems that there are not too many heavier men within those divisions on this side of the Atlantic to cause Hamed serious problems. But neither Hamed nor his promoter, Frank Warren, have any plans to move the super-bantamweight up yet again.

Warren said that Hamed would box again in December, in Sheffield or London, and he is in the middle of negotiations for a bout with a foreign opponent. An announcement is expected next week. Hamed could move down and challenge for a super-bantamweight title, but he is more likely to make a couple of voluntary defences at featherweight before moving to any other division.



Robinson attempts to cover up as Hamed lands a blow to the body during their WBO featherweight title bout in Cardiff on Saturday. Photograph: Sean Dempsey

This was Hamed's best performance so far and a moment of triumph for his trainer and manager, Brendon Ingle, who always wanted a world champion and suffered bitter disappointments twice after coming close with Herol Graham, against Mike McCallum and Julian Jackson.

As Robinson was bigger and stronger than Hamed's other opponents, and was determined to put up a good show in front of his own crowd of some 15,000, Hamed had to work harder than before and use a wide range of punches to set Robinson up for the finish. It was quite unlike his bout with Vincenzo Belcastro for the European title, which was an untidy wrestling and hit-and-run affair.

While the many ringsiders at Cardiff Arms Park objected to Hamed's showboating, taunting and talking during the bout, I did not find the challenger's antics offensive. They are an essential part of his technique.

He carried the fight to Robinson. At first the Welshman, fighting out of a crouch and tight defence, was successful in drawing Hamed onto right counters, the textbook response to southpaws. But, after taking a couple of stinging blows, Hamed boxed from a distance and gradually broke down Robinson's resistance until a combination of blows dropped the Welshman to the floor in the fifth round.

It was Robinson's first visit to the canvas since Tim Driscoll put him there five years ago. He looked in bad shape getting up but, by retiring behind his gloves, he managed to survive. However, from this point, a fearful onslaught from Hamed began.

For a little over two years, Robinson had campaigned successfully within his limitations, making a tidy living out of boxing specially-picked opponents. Now, however, he found himself out of his depth. As Robinson's defence became flabbier and flabbier, the man from Sheffield moved in and unleashed punches from every angle.

Still Robinson did not fall. Then, in the eighth round, Hamed jabbed twice, then switched to orthodox and sent in a perfect left-hook that dropped Robinson on one knee. He got up gamely but the referee, Ismael Fernandez, had already seen enough and decided to call a halt.

Immediately, Hamed went over to the other side and extended his hand of friendship to the defeated champion and walked him round the ring. Suitably dignified in victory, the new champion said: "I said four rounds. But I could not stop him. He was strong. He took some great shots.

"The crowd wasn't on my mind at all. I enjoy my music, and you enjoyed Steve's music. I feel very strong at featherweight. Now I am off to Jamaica and Barbados to chill out and then I'll hit Miami."

Jones throws down challenge to Benn

ROY JONES Jr says he is willing to fight Nigel Benn, the World Boxing Council super-middleweight champion. Jones issued the challenge after retaining his International Boxing Federation world super-middleweight title in his home town of Pensacola, Florida, on Saturday.

Jones, 26, who stopped his fellow American, Tony Thornton, in the third round, said: "I'll fight Benn for $10 million, which is not even close to the $50 million Don King was shooting his big mouth about a while back." Jones, who appears to have no competitors left in his weight class with the exception of the Englishman, Benn, 31, was in dominant form.

Thornton survived a second-round knock-down but was left defenceless after a barrage of punches from Jones, who won the title almost a year ago from James Toney, and the referee was forced to stop the contest.

Thornton, 36, went the distance in an unsuccessful world title contest with Chris Eubank.

Bronze for Rendle but British team fail to impress

By John Goodbody

SHARON RENDLE, the ever-consistent bantamweight, won Great Britain's only medal at the world judo championships, which ended in Makuhari, Japan, yesterday. That several of the team had qualified for the Olympics by reaching the last eight in their disciplines could not disguise the worst British team performance since the men's and women's events were first held simultaneously in 1987.

The British squad has always roused itself for the Olympics in the past, and the pile of medals won at the 1994 and 1995 European championships suggests that there is sufficient talent to do the same in Atlanta next year. However, the new strength in the Chinese, South Korean and Cuban teams has eroded Britain's reputation in the women's categories.

The defeat of Nicola Fairbrother, the defending lightweight champion, was particularly galling. She was first beaten by Sun-Young Cho, of South Korea, and then unluckily lost in the repechage to Zoulfia Garipova, of Russia. As she fell backwards onto the mat to try a "sacrifice" technique, the Russian grabbed her legs. Although Fairbrother spun her opponent onto her back, the referee, after consulting with the mat-side officials, ruled that the Russian had scored first.

Rendle, who won bronze on Saturday, is under pressure from Debbie Allan for a place in the team for Atlanta. However, nobody can argue with her consistency this year: third in the Tournoi de Paris, third in the European championships, third in the United States Open and now third at the world championships.

Rendle said: "I had a really good day, although I was disappointed to lose the split decision to the Cuban. The Chinese girl in the fight for the bronze medal was physically strong and had done her homework. She was grabbing at my fingers and I just tried not to panic." Eventually Jin Wang stepped out of the fighting area and was duly penalised.

Rendle will be 30 next year but said: "I still have a bee in my bonnet about the Olympics. I am going to win and then live happily ever after."

Rugby union throws door open to league players

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

A FREE gangway was created yesterday between the two rugby codes, union and league, ending a century of enmity. However, rugby union's new permissive regulations may still require the force of civil law before England, for one, accepts them in their entirety.

When the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) concluded its council meeting in Tokyo on Saturday, putting in place rules for participation in the newly opened sport, it decided that no cooling off period was viable in respect of league players seeking to play union. However, England and Australia, the countries to whom this applies most significantly, may yet retain some restrictive legislation.

"If any union feels the need to protect its game, and can achieve that under contract, they have the opportunity to do so," Vernon Pugh, the Welshman whose paper on amateurism earlier this year led to rugby union's walls coming down, said. "I would have thought the decision will concern rugby league more than union and I would be surprised if Wales decided upon any restriction."

After a week when Joost van der Westhuizen, the South Africa scrum half, has turned down an offer of a three-year contract worth around £2 million to play rugby league for Sydney Bulldogs, Pugh's point has an obvious validity in the southern hemisphere. However, England favour a period of re-qualification, which may be difficult to justify in court.

"We have varying points of view, but rugby union officials in Cumbria, Yorkshire and Lancashire feel very strongly about the effects of player-loss to rugby league," Bill Bishop, the Rugby Football Union president, said. Yet he admitted that his union would probably lose a test case and that rules for players moving between clubs would also need serious revision.

Of greater concern to the IRFB was the movement of players between countries. The eligibility rules have been tightened to ensure that the less wealthy countries, such as the Pacific islands, do not lose a significant number of players, and the board meeting in London next January will consider tightening them even further. The position will be controlled by player contracts, with national unions having first call ahead of clubs or provinces.

The board has set its face against the 12-month player, one who moves from one hemisphere to another, by demanding both a residential qualification and availability throughout any union's complete domestic season.

All regulations for the running of the game come into force immediately and leaves control firmly in the hands of individual unions, who can maintain a hard line if they wish — and if the civil laws permit them to do so.

Sri Lanka on level terms with Pakistan

SRI Lanka dealt another blow to Pakistan's cricketing pride with a 49-run victory in the second one-day international in Faisalabad yesterday to square the three-match series.

Put in to bat after the Pakistan skipper, Ramiz Raja, had again won the toss, Sri Lanka piled up a formidable 257 for seven, with half-centuries coming from Jayasuriya and Gurusinha and a lively 47 from Aravinda de Silva.

By restricting Pakistan to 208 for eight in their 50 overs, Sri Lanka registered their 11th win in 51 one-day internationals between the sides. The decisive game in the series will be played at Rawalpindi tomorrow.

Salim Elahi, a century-maker in Pakistan's win in the first match in Gujranwala, was again their top scorer, hitting six boundaries in his 47 made from 61 balls. Pakistan needed 96 runs from the last ten overs but managed only 47 against tight bowling, especially from the spinners, Jayasuriya and de Silva.

SRI LANKA

R S Mahanama lbw b Rahman	30
S T Jayasuriya c Aqib b Rahman	51
A P Gurusinha st Moin b Arshad	66
A P de Silva run out	47
*A Ranatunga b Akram	15
†H P Tillekaratne b Akram	14
R Kaluwitharana run out	11
H D P K Dharmasena not out	1
W P U J C Vaas not out	0
Extras (lb 14, w 5, nb 3)	22
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs)	257

G P Wickremasinghe and M Muralitharan did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-75, 2-100, 3-208, 4-222, 5-232, 6-256, 7-256.

BOWLING: Aqib Javed 8-1-34-0; Muhammad Akram 10-0-49-2; Ata-ur-Rehman 10-0-46-2; Aamir Hanif 2-0-21-0, Arshad Khan 10-0-32-1, Aamir Sohail 10-0-62-0.

PAKISTAN

Aamir Sohail c Muralitharan b Vaas	9
Saleem Elahi run out	47
*Ramiz Raja c Jayasuriya b Dharmasena	33
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Gurusinha b Jayasuriya	14
†Moin Khan c sub b Muralitharan	31
Basit Ali b Jayasuriya	16
Aamir Hanif b de Silva	19
Aqib Javed b de Silva	21
Ata-ur-Rehman not out	8
Arshad Khan not out	4
Extras (lb 5, W 1, nb 2)	8
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs)	209

Muhammad Akram did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-89, 3-92, 4-116, 5-154, 6-160, 7-185, 8-200

BOWLING: Wickremasinghe 7-0-36-0; Vaas 2-0-17-1; de Silva 9-0-33-2; Dharmasena 10-0-38-1; Muralitharan 10-2-37-1 Jayasuriya 10-0-38-2, Ranatunga 1-0-4-0

Obree prepared for challenge

By Peter Bryan

GRAEME OBREE, Great Britain's new world 4,000 metres cycling pursuit champion, said goodbye to ten of his track colleagues in Bogotá, Colombia, yesterday. They were returning home from the world championships in which the Scot, 30, was the team's only gold medal-winner.

Obree and Yvonne McGregor, the world one-hour record-holder, who was eliminated in the quarter-finals of the women's 3,000 metres pursuit, were moving on to nearby Paipa for the road time-trials on Wednesday.

While the scarcity of medals when track competition finished on Saturday was disappointing, the team's performance at least guaranteed Britain places in four Olympic events at Atlanta next year for which the world championships was the qualifying test.

The closing session of the track series on Saturday produced another world record when Rebecca Twigg, of the United States, who won her first world pursuit title at Leicester in 1982, won the final with a world best of 3min 36.081sec.

It was the sixth time that Twigg, 32, had taken the title and a tribute to the courage of the American, who was competing with a broken collar-bone suffered in a training accident 11 days previously.

Darryn Hill, of Australia, added the world sprint title to his Commonwealth championship in a best-of-three final against Curt Harnett, of Canada, with a tactical flair that his opponent could not match.

Geoff Platts, the national veteran road-race champion, yesterday won the North Road CC 50-mile centenary event marking Britain's first time-trial promoted by the club. The event drew the country's top specialists against the clock, including many former champions.

The 1895 event was won by George Minns in 2hr 54min 24sec; Platts recorded 1hr 49min 21sec to beat Peter Longbottom (1hr 50min 52sec) and Britain's all-round champion, Gethin Butler (1hr 50min 59sec).

Richard Prebble, triple national champion at ten, 25 and 50 miles, had a puncture in the first two miles and retired.

Sheehan on Bridge

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

Henry Mansell and Tim Cope are South Africa's leading pair, that country winning the Open and the women's event at the Afro/Asia Zonal tournament last April. Mansell's mother Petra was in the women's team and both will represent South Africa in the world championships. This was Henry in action in the trials:

Dealer West — North South game — IMP's

North: ♠AQ65 ♥10965 ♦A87 ♣Q4
West: ♠102 ♥4 ♦KQJ1082 ♣J962
East: ♠94 ♥KQJ2 ♦9543 ♣753
South: ♠KJ873 ♥A873 ♦— ♣AK108

W	N	E	S
2♦ (1)	Cope Pass	5♦ (2)	Mansell Double (3)
Pass	6♦ (4)	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Contract: Six Spades by South. Lead: Four of hearts

(1) Weak Two bid, showing six (occasionally five) diamonds and 6-10 points. (2) It is often effective tactics to pre-empt at this vulnerability. (3) Take out. (4) Unwise — he has no guarantee that there will be a good slam. Despite the vulnerability, with his defensive shape he should pass. Five diamonds doubled goes five off for 1100 to North South.

When West led a heart it looked to Mansell as though it was a singleton. He won the heart, crossed to the queen of spades and ruffed a diamond. When West followed to a second trump his probable shape was 2-1-6-4, so after taking the ace of diamonds and ruffing dummy's last diamond, Mansell played off his clubs. He discarded a heart from dummy on the third round of clubs and, when on the fourth round of clubs West played the jack, discarded a second heart from dummy (a 'loser-on-loser' play).

As West had nothing left except diamonds, he was forced to give the declarer a ruff and discard for his 12th trick.

☐ The world championships start in Beijing on Sunday. Great Britain has qualified for the women's event, the Venice Cup. The team is Sandra Landy and Abbey Walker, Liz McGowan and Sandra Penfold, Sally Anoyrkatis and Heather Dhondy, with Tony Priday as captain and David Burn coach. At 19, Abbey is the youngest player ever to take part in a senior world championship. The Times will be carrying a daily report on the championships in this column.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

Keene on Chess

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Anand escapes

Vishy Anand, the Indian challenger, restored his morale with a draw in game 12 of the Intel world championship in New York. Having gone down to defeat in both games ten and 11, it was essential for Anand to avoid loss in the next encounter. A third setback would have annihilated his chances, both on the scoreboard and psychologically.

Once again Kasparov employed the Ruy Lopez opening, inviting repetition of the line which had brought him such a brilliant victory in game ten. Anand, wisely, avoided the main highways of theory and, employing a little known variation, reached a roughly level endgame. This was a position that would have raised no eyebrows at all had a draw been agreed. Sensing, though, that the match initiative now lay with him, Kasparov probed mercilessly and slight inaccuracies by Anand on moves 22 and 23 gave Kasparov real chances. However, on the 31st move Kasparov missed his opportunity to score a hat-trick. He should have played 31 hxg4. There was a brief flurry of activity, with brilliant defence by Anand, matched by equally-ingenious winning attempts on the part of Kasparov. In the final position, however, in spite of an extra pawn, White had no serious winning prospects.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Viswanathan Anand
Intel World Championship, Game 12, 1995

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6
4	Ba4	Nf6
5	0-0	b5
6	Bb3	Bc5
7	a4	Bb7
8	d3	d6
9	Nc3	b4
10	Nd5	Na5
11	Nxf6+	Qxf6
12	Ba2	h6
13	c3	bxc3
14	bxc3	0-0
15	Be3	Rad8
16	Rb1	Bc8
17	Qe2	Be6
18	h3	Bxa2
19	Qxa2	Bxe3
20	fxe3	Qe6
21	Qxe6	fxe6
22	Rb4	Rb8
23	Rfb1	Nc6
24	Rb7	Rbc8
25	Kf2	Rf7
26	Ke2	Rcf8
27	d4	g5
28	Kd3	Rg7
29	d5	exd5
30	exd5	g4
31	dxc6	e4+
32	Kxe4	gxf3
33	gxf3	Re7+
34	Kd4	Rxf3
35	e4	Rxh3
36	Rxc7	Rxc7
37	Rb8+	Kf7
38	Rb7	Re7
39	c7	Rxc7
40	Rxc7+	Ke8
41	Ra7	h5
42	Rxa6	Rh1
43	Ra8	h4

Draw agreed

Match Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Kasparov	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	1	1	½	6½
Anand	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	0	0	½	5½

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Word-watching

By Philip Howard

GALLOWGLASS
a. An Irish soldier
b. Viewpoint for a hanging
c. Patron Saint of Glasgow

GORGET
a. Predigested food
b. A petite beauty
c. Throat armour

MAIN GAUCHE
a. A bad throw at dice
b. French sailor's larboard
c. A left-handed dagger

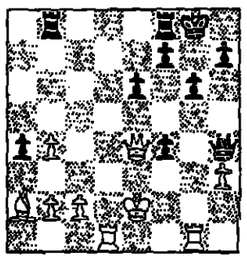
CULVERIN
a. A canon
b. A road drain
c. Speedwell

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Winning move

By Raymond Keene

With the world championship match in progress in New York, this week I concentrate on previous world championship matches. This is a variation from the game Short - Kasparov, Times World Championship 1993. Can you spot the clever continuation that Black had in mind here in order to pursue his queenside initiative?



Solution on page 45

Lessing claims first part of sport's most demanding double


Lessing: ambitious

FROM DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT
IN NICE

SIMON LESSING became Great Britain's first long-distance triathlon world champion here yesterday and, though barely able to walk up the steps from the massage-room afterwards, he confirmed — without hesitation — that he would try for another world title within six weeks. Is there no stopping him?

Lessing came here a virtual novice at long distance, having built his reputation in shorter races. He was the 1992 world champion over the Olympic distance, which is only one third the length of his effort yesterday. The long and Olympic-distance championships are the only two with International Triathlon Union world title status and Lessing, having won the first, wants the second in Cancun, Mexico, on November 12 to become the first man to win both in the same year.

The course yesterday took the competitors off the beach into the sea for a 4,000 metres swim, followed by a 120 kilometres ride and a 30 kilometres run. Lessing's strength is his running and, though he left the transition park after the second discipline in tenth place, he remained confident. He was quicker on foot; he knew that. His only doubt was whether he could sustain his form over 30 kilometres after four hours of swimming and cycling.

Lessing, who was born in South Africa but has compered for Britain for the past five years, soon passed the eight runners within close range of him as they left transition. Only Philippe Methion, of France, lay ahead. Methion had started the run 3min 26sec to the good, having escaped from the bunch during the ride.

Running at close to 2hr 20min marathon pace, Lessing passed

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Methion at seven kilometres, but began to suffer at halfway. As the Briton began to slow, he wondered whether his pursuers might be gaining. "There was so many motorbikes behind that I could not see and nobody was giving me any splits, so I had no idea whether they were catching me," Lessing said.

To win yesterday required Lessing to concentrate on endurance training for five weeks, abandoning interval work. Between now and Cancun, he must make sure that he gets back any lost speed.

The swim went as he had expected, with Yves Cordier, of France, first out of the water, in 48min 17sec, and Lessing close behind (48min 18sec). Cordier's faster transition gave him an 11sec advantage as they set off on their bikes and, by 40 kilometres, the Frenchman was more than a minute clear. The pack caught Lessing and Cordier was hauled in by 80 kilometres.

Cordier, who lives in Nice, had been expected to be Lessing's most dangerous opponent. "My strengths are the swim and the bike, but I have another strength," he had said on Saturday. "I am racing at home and I will make the most of my local support." However, instead of improving on his third place last year, Cordier faded to finish seventh.

After Cordier had been caught, Methion made his break. The remainder of the bunch returned together, but again Lessing was slow in transition. "Over the shorter distance, I am one of the best in transition," Lessing said. "but, over this distance, you cannot be rushed. You have got to make sure you take everything you need."

Lessing, finishing under clear blue skies on the Promenade des Anglais, recorded 5hr 46min 17sec (ride: 3hr 12min 21sec; run 1hr 41min 43sec), winning by more than two minutes from Luc Van Lierde, from Belgium. Peter Reid, from Canada, was third, a further three minutes in arrears.

Now that triathlon is set for the Olympic Games in 2000, Lessing will save an attempt on the sport's other big challenge, the Hawaii Ironman race, until after then. He feels that an eight-hour race would take him too much much away from speed training.

"There is big money now in Ironman. The Hawaii race next weekend offers a $100,000 (about £65,000) bonus to the first man under eight hours, but Lessing is adamant he will not be tempted for many years. "My long-term goal for the next five years will be 100 per cent dedication to the Olympic Games in Sydney," he said.

Photograph, page 34

Eels abandon the depths to gorge opportunist meal



Brian Clarke witnesses a remarkable act of nature caught for the first time on video

In a lifetime of fishing over every quarter of the globe, I had seen nothing more extraordinary. It was as bizarre as a pike becoming vegetarian.

The long strand of ranunculus weed was curling in the margins. The fall of the egg-laying flies was heavy and the current carried their spent, twitching bodies along its outside edge. A shadow long enough to send any angler's heart beating materialised from the dark water beneath the weed and began to lift.

The shadow resolved and took shape as it neared the surface. I could see the whole length of the fish as clear as day: the fin on its back, the sharp, bright eyes, the mouth, miles and miles of flank. A head lifted to the surface and the fly was sucked down.

Even though it was the kind of rise any trout would make, I could not believe my eyes. The fish lifted and took another fly and then lifted and took a third. Small rings ebbed out.

From beneath the first fish there appeared a second, just as dark, just as long. Yet another joined them. One of the three spent some time feeding just under the surface, rather than from it: I could see its jaws gleam white from time to time, presumably because, as trout often do, it was taking the nymphs of new flies rising to hatch or else the bodies of dead flies that had been sucked down in some vortex and that were drifting, submerged.

It was just as Guy Robinson had told me before I went to see him a few days ago.

The Test, in Hampshire, is a remarkable river all right: the most famous trout stream in the world. The water that flows through the Leckford Estate, which the John Lewis Partnership owns and where Robinson is head river keeper, is famous for the quality of the fishing it offers — especially the dry fly fishing. Many remarkable events must occur along its 11 miles of bank, over time.

And yet still Robinson's warning had not prepared me sufficiently well. Indeed, what angler could be prepared for the sight of three large eels caught on video feeding at the surface, sipping down a hatch of mayflies as steadily and deliberately as any well-bred trout?

Eels, as every angler and many non-anglers will know, are the classic bottom feeders. They are the huggers of the stream and lake bed, the sliders under rocks, the insinuators around logs, the scavengers of the bottom. They are fish caught with worms and dead fish anchored hard on the bottom. Inches off the bed is normally too high up for an eel bait.

Robinson had taken the sequence three years ago, at the height of the mayfly hatch on Beat Four, one of the Leckford Estate's 16 beats, opposite the old wheel that still pumps water to houses on the estate's 4,500 acres.

He had come upon the eels by chance. And surprisingly, he had never seen such a phenomenon before in his 19 years there, and he has not seen it since. His video clip is probably unique and a copy of it deserves a place in some natural history archive.

Of course, any one who spends a long time on the river bank — and few spend as much time as a river keeper — sees some curious sights; but the notion of eels feeding on surface fly is angling's definition of the impossible.

Why did it happen? It is anyone's guess. All creatures in the wild are opportunists, of course. Few will turn down a sudden glut of food if it appears — and it is tempting to think that this is what happened that day at Leckford.

The mayfly is a huge insect as upwind flies go and though it is in steady decline on many waters — even on parts of the Test — Leckford still gets a wonderful hatch. The flies can come off so densely that they almost cloud the air. When the stored-up hatches of females return to the water to lay, their bodies can carpet the surface. From place to place, currents funnel a wide swathe of water into tight, thin lines, concentrating all food in them. Mayfly bodies in these places can form a near-slurry.

It was in this kind of place that the eels were rising and so, perhaps, like all of nature's opportunists, they were simply taking advantage of a conveyor belt of food.

It is tempting to think so. It is easy to think so. But given that an eel feeding at the surface would be such a bizarre eccentricity in any circumstance, why three eels and not one? And why all in one place? And if it was an understandable response to a plenitude, why just three and not 3,000?

After all, the Test is full of eels. There are so many at Leckford that they are trapped commercially and sold in London. I have no answers. But happen it all manifestly did and Guy Robinson has a video to prove it. It seems we need a new definition of "impossible". As the man said, "never" is a word that has no place in fishing.


River keeper Robinson on the banks of the Test at the spot where he filmed eels feeding on the surface

☐ *Brian Clarke's fishing column appears on the first Monday of each month.*

JULIAN HERBERT


Carmichael, of Charterhouse, and Fox, of Westminster, tussle for possession during their cup match last week, which Westminster won 1-0

Hulme prosper from competitive edge

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

BY JOHN GOODBODY

THERE were some particularly even and enthralling matches in the first round of the Boodle and Dunthorne independent schools football cup, which took place over the last week, and none more so than at Highgate, where Hulme GS finally won 5-4 with a penalty kick three minutes from time.

The competition is now in its fourth year and has attracted the consistent interest of schools. For many of the entrants, it represents the only chance they have to take part in a competitive tournament.

Curiously, Repton, one of the most distinguished of all football playing independent schools, have yet to win a match in the competition.

They had possessed a 100 per cent record in inter-school matches this season until last week when they had a 2-0 lead against Winchester with 15 minutes remaining. The visitors, who have not entered the tournament since losing 10-1 in the first round three years ago, then scored twice to take the tie to extra time. Repton then hit the woodwork three times but could not get the ball in the net and finally lost the penalty shoot-out.

Westminster, whose annual fixture with Charterhouse dates back to 1863 and is the oldest schools match in the world, upset their rivals 1-0. They are now at home to Brentwood, who won 4-0 at Shrewsbury and included in their side Warren Brooking, son of former England international Trevor.

Ardingly, the beaten finalists last year, won 1-0 at Malvern. Bury GS came from behind to defeat Batley GS 3-2 in extra time, while Wolverhampton GS, last season's winners of the independent schools six-a-side tournament, scored the only game of the game at Chester, 30 seconds before the final whistle. St Bede's, the holders, beat Aldenham, who had broken down en route to delay the kick off by two hours, by 3-0. The highest scoring game was last Wednesday at Highgate, where the swirling wind across Hampstead Heath disturbed the judgment and accuracy of the players.

It was a distinctly unusual game in which Hulme GS, who have won the Oldham schools' cup for the last three years and were quarter finalists in the Greater Manchester schools' cup last season, used their sharpness to get to the ball first to defeat their rivals.

Peter Leeming, the former Blackburn goalkeeper, who helps coach Highgate, said: "The result was harsh but fair. Although we were the best side in the middle half of the game and gave 100 per cent, we did not possess their urgency to win the ball. There was no-one in the midfield who could put his foot on the ball and hold it."

Andrew Marshall, the master in charge of the first eleven at Hulme GS, thought that Highgate did not play like a southern team. "They closed us down quickly, played the offside and were strong and fast," he said.

Highgate were commandingly marshalled in defence by Christian Millward, who is in his third year in the Highgate first team, and the home side looked likely to hold out for extra time in the second half.

However, with three minutes left, Gregg Schofield was brought down in the area and David Fish, the Hulme goalkeeper, who is attached to Manchester United, converted the penalty.

Even a goalkeeper of Fish's potential can be deceived by gusts of strong wind, which unexpectedly diverted and accelerated the flight of the ball. It was a day for speculative shots and twice Adam Benson caught Fish unawares.

Scorers for Hulme were Paul Hewitt (2), Robert Townley, Gareth Suthurst and Fish. For Highgate the goals came from Benson (2), David McEwen and Chris Powell.

Despite their defeat, Highgate remain intensely enthusiastic about the tournament. John Williams, the master in the charge of the 1st XI for the past 11 years, says: "There is no difficulty in recruiting boys to play football here but the competition gives a bit of spark to them".

SECOND-ROUND DRAW (matches to be played by Saturday, November 11): Bolton v Manchester GS; CEGS, Blackburn v Winchester; Hulme GS v Wolverhampton GS; Latymer Upper v Kingsbury; Westminster v Brentwood; Bury GS v St Bede's; Ardingly v Forest; Lancing v Chigwell.

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Sharks yield record before Madrid trip

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

THE Budweiser League champions, Sheffield Sharks, needing every encouragement for the daunting European basketball championship task in Madrid this week, lost their unbeaten domestic record on Saturday to a team that had almost forgotten what it was like to win.

With their impressive 77-69 victory, Thames Valley Tigers left the Sharks' coach, Jim Brandon, with plenty of problems before the second leg of the second-round tie against the European champions on Thursday. Not the least is concern over Roger Huggins, the English player of the Year.

When, for once, Huggins failed to sustain his exceptional form at Bracknell, Brandon was disappointed nobody else came through to take up the slack. "Roger has been our best player for ten games on the trot," he said, "and it was inevitable he was going to have a bad game at some time or another. The trouble was that the players we depend on to step up are under the weather."

One of those is Chris Finch, the American, who is playing under the enormous handicap of glandular fever. The other is the new signing, Justin Jones, who has a cyst between the cartilage and bone of his right knee. Jones will travel to Spain, but is not expected to add to his one appearance of the season, in the first leg against Real last Thursday, which the Sharks lost by ten points.

The game on Saturday looked to be going according to plan when the Sharks led 11-4, but, helped by the most significant contributions yet from their hitherto disappointing newcomers, Sean Foote, Cory Cole and Carl Miller, the Tigers pulled the game around.

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McColgan shines on Ngugi's comeback

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

LIZ McCOLGAN swept to victory in the Bupa Great Caledonian Run yesterday and it was her run that proved the highlight, rather than that of the Kenyan, John Ngugi, returning after being suspended in 1993 for refusing a drugs test. Their respective performances suggested that the Scot is more likely to achieve her target of winning the Olympic Games marathon next year than Ngugi is to fulfil his aim of a sixth world cross-country title.

McColgan started the ten-kilometre course in Edinburgh running into a howling gale and was an impressive winner of the women's race in 32min 27sec. Although she achieved the fastest time in Great Britain this year, McColgan initially appeared frustrated at not having run quicker, but she conceded later that it had been a good performance.

"Yes, it really was hard going and the course was more difficult than I thought it would be," McColgan said, "but I enjoyed running with the men and everything seems to be well on course." She has set her sights on victory in the Tokyo marathon in November as the first stepping-stone to a gold medal in Atlanta next summer.

Ngugi, whose participation in the race was initially in doubt as he felt he was not yet ready to compete at the top level, will have been glad when he crossed the finishing line.

The 1988 Olympic 5,000 metres champion was 26th, only 16sec ahead of McColgan, and well-beaten by the men's winner, Gary Staines, who ran a course record of 28min 48sec. Ngugi knows there is a long, hard road ahead if he is to regain his elite international status.

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O'Sullivan pays high price for relaxing

FROM PHIL YATES IN BANGKOK

RONNIE O'SULLIVAN must learn to respect both the game of snooker and the abilities of lower-ranked opponents if he is to obtain the consistent success that should come naturally to one so talented.

That was abundantly clear here yesterday when O'Sullivan, nonchalant and prone to inexcusable errors, lost 5-4 to Mark Johnston-Allen in the first round of the Thailand Classic.

O'Sullivan adopted an aggressive approach in the Regal Masters two weeks ago and he began the match against Johnston-Allen, who eliminated him from the International Open in February, in the same seemingly carefree mood.

"I was in a daze during the first four frames because I couldn't believe how many mistakes Ronnie was making," Johnston-Allen, who periodically steps into the limelight with a surprising victory, said.

At 41-38 in the deciding frame, Johnston-Allen, placed in a Chinese snooker, fluked the yellow and cleared to the pink for a place in the last 16.

Ken Doherty's free-fall down the world rankings looks likely to continue after his 5-2 defeat against Joe Swail, of Belfast.

Doherty, who has not won a match since negotiating the initial hurdle at the British Open in April, stands twelfth in the provisional world rankings after reaching fourthteen months ago.

John Parrott struggled throughout yet still managed to score a convincing 5-1 win over Dennis Taylor. It was the twelfth time in 17 meetings that Parrott had prevailed.

Nigel Bond completed a 5-1 win over Michael Duffy, a qualifier from Northern Ireland, and will next provide the opposition for Steve Davis.

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2.00 - 5.00pm

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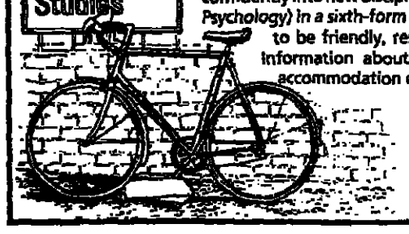
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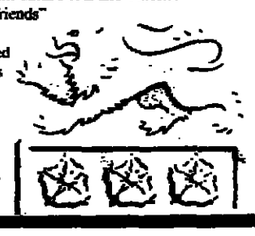
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An avalanche of publicity over two cases unrelated to the business of education in independent schools has shaken the sector and tarnished its image. And no matter how loudly headmasters may proclaim that there is no cause for concern, the fact is that their first priority must be to restore public confidence.

The schools were unlucky in that the suspension of Anthony Verity as Master of Dulwich College, and the resignation of Peter Hobson as Headmaster of Charterhouse, came on consecutive days immediately before the start of the school year. Mr Verity is still contesting allegations of sexual harassment, while Mr Hobson has gone to ground since newspaper revelations about his meetings with an escort girl.

But the incidents were highly damaging to a group that presumed to lead a moral crusade only a year ago. Even an equal measure of positive publicity surrounding the arrival of Prince William at Eton could not erase the memory entirely.

There is no evidence of parents withdrawing their children from HMC schools, but the headmasters will be acutely aware of the need to reassure potential customers. In Dublin, they will try to refocus attention on educational issues and remind the public of the quality of independent schools.

However, that may be easier said than done. Although there is no shortage of important issues to be discussed, the one that is likely to command most attention is another that the headmasters might prefer to avoid. The growing problem of drugs, which afflicts both state and independent schools, has attracted many more unwelcome column inches, and will be high on the agenda next week.

Eton, Millfield, Pangbourne, Uppingham, Wellington and Westminster have all expelled or suspended pupils for drug offences since the turn of the year. But there is a strong lobby for using expulsion only as a last resort. The debate on the right approach will be both tense and closely observed.



NEWS TEAM

Hugh Wright, Chief Master of King Edward's School, Birmingham, and conference chairman, will steer the debate on to educational issues

Dr John Rae, the former Head Master of Westminster School, says: "The effect of incidents like these are normally short-lived, but the schools will have to get used to living in the spotlight. Public schools have always had skeletons in the cupboard, but they were expert at keeping them hidden. Nowadays the press finds them so quickly that they never get to be skeletons. Headmasters are regarded as fair game, like bishops or deans, because people are fascinated by the closed society and slightly pompous figures."

The headmasters could be forgiven for thinking that they cannot win, but they do have a success story to tell. This summer's A-level results were another vintage crop, while the improvement at GCSE outstripped state schools by such a margin that it accounted for most of the rise in the pass rate.

Almost 13 per cent of independent schools' GCSE entries gained a starred A grade, four times the national average. And, for the first time, more than nine out of ten independent entries reached the equivalent of an old O-level pass, compared with little more than half in the state sector.

Not only did HMC schools and those in the Girls' Schools Association dominate the examination league tables, but the Government's analysis of last year's results showed them to be the most successful at improving performance in the sixth form. This embryonic measurement of "value added" has shown independent schools to be doing as much for pupils of modest ability as for the high-flyers.

Hugh Wright, the Chief Master of King Edward's School, Birmingham, who will chair the conference, is naturally keen to steer the debate away from any hint of scandal, and on to educational issues. "I will be very disappointed if matters that are strictly personal are raised at the meeting, other than in relation to the strains of headship."

Independent schools are anxious to influence Sir Ron Dearing's review of the 16-19 curriculum, and some headmasters will want to discuss the impact of a possible Labour government, and the loss of the Assisted Places Scheme. But Mr Wright is determined that neither should detract from his theme of partnership, which he sees as apt for a meeting in Ireland.

As the leading figure in a group of seven schools that straddles the state and independent sectors, Mr Wright is uniquely qualified to mediate between the two. "I certainly do not intend this to be a bland conference. Partnerships — whether between the state and independent system, governors and headmasters, or parents and schools — are at the centre of everything we do. I hope our discussions will help us to get them right."

New head for prep schools

Why a top administrator is opting out of the state sector

Not so long ago, ambitious young education administrators would have set their sights on taking the chief education officer's chair in one of the large local education authorities that rule schools in England and Wales.

But men like David Hanson are having to confront the fact that shifting financial responsibility away from the town halls to the schools, plus the introduction of grant-maintained schools, has reduced the role of education authorities to the bare minimum.

So Mr Hanson has decided at 38 to opt out himself, moving into the world of independent education as director of education of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools (IAPS), representing almost 600 schools.

He moved into the association's Regency headquarters in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, last month from Wiltshire County Council, where he was responsible for a wide range of services to all kinds of schools.

Mr Hanson was last year's president of the Association of Assessment Inspectors and Advisers, which he helped to form, and is currently editor of the *British Journal of Curriculum and Assessment*. But he says he has never had a problem with independent education, which is about "variety and choice. Local authorities have lost their influence and power. They have changed so much they are hardly recognisable, and my feelings for them have changed.

"My job now is to provide the best possible guidance and support for prep schools without being inhibited by a leaden bureaucracy. I also believe that education matters should be discussed and decided by those with a professional interest in education rather than those with a political axe to grind."

Mr Hanson, married with two daughters, has identified some areas he would like prep schools to address.

He says: "I think that within the next five years, schools will begin to consider transfer at 14 to be more appropriate than at other ages, and I would robustly defend the extension of the middle school system. I believe those that have taught the bulk of the foundation years should be allowed to complete the task and be judged by results.

"This shift would allow senior schools to extend their specialist expertise and competitiveness in both academic and vocational areas."

Mr Hanson wants to encourage heads and schools to review their approach to education: "The skills of classroom organisation and management, of focused observation, active listening, perceptive questioning, judging the outcomes of pupils' work, are at the heart of teaching and need constant refreshment. Without professional development, the teachers become stale, as do their lessons. The sparkle goes, and soon the parents go, too."



David Hanson: switch

As prep schools introduce appraisal for their staff, many heads are coming to believe that they too should be appraised. Mr Hanson approves. "The head will choose the focus of the appraisal but however narrow that focus," he says, "the underlying purpose is usually to assess how effective his or her leadership is. The real value is to have a confidential conversation with a colleague about things they would not otherwise be able to talk about.

"The keys to a good school," says Mr Hanson, "are clear and purposeful leadership. Nothing is more important than that."

DAVID TYTLER

Now, bring on the girls

David Charter reports on a famous school joining the co-ed trend

Three hundred years of tradition will come to an end at another prestigious boys' school today when Chigwell School, in Essex, announces it is turning coeducational. Changing demands from parents are the main reasons cited by Tony Little, the Headmaster, who predicts a continued decline in single-sex schools.

However, the number of girls schools opting to take boys is far fewer, and members of the Girls' Schools Association report strong parental demand for daughters to be educated separately.

Chigwell, where parents pay up to £9,000 a year for boys to board, holds its first open day for prospective girls next weekend. Mr Little denies there are financial reasons behind the decision to admit girls, saying that the school has grown steadily over the past ten years.

He said: "The world is changing and I think the vast majority of schools will be co-ed in times to come. There has been a lot of publicity about single-sex schools performing well academically but if you scratch the surface you see these schools are academically excellent for historical reasons. They established themselves as a certain type of academic hothouse many years ago and that has sustained itself."

This was the view of Alan Smithers in his recent report to the Headmasters' Conference coeducational group, which denied that single-sex education per se was responsible for high exam grades.

Professor Smithers noted: "All the research shows ability and social class to be most closely associated with examination performance. Schools heading the league tables seem to be there because they are able to select high-flyers and have longer experience of developing their talents."

One leading GSA headmistress, Judith Goodland, of Wycombe Abbey, in Buckinghamshire, rejected the Smithers report. She firmly believes that higher results achieved by girls are encouraged by a single-sex environment. "Girls and boys are very different in their rates of maturity," she said. "Nobody's better or worse. We simply believe that girls do very well in the single-sex classroom because the teaching can be geared towards them."

As late as 1968, just three of the country's 273 public schools had mixed classes. Recession has played a part in the swing towards coeducation — as much as social pressures — but there were no exam league tables in 1968. Does the fact that girls schools do so well in the tables lead boys schools to hope their own results will be boosted by admitting females?

Mr Little said: "This was not a reason for our decision. I think there is a lot of fuss about the academic issue of single-sex schools to do with results. I don't think you can read too much into positions in league tables — a good school is a good school."

"I think the social issues are becoming more important," he said. "We have a constant demand from parents asking why their daughter cannot go here. I think this is part of a sea-change going on."

Mr Little said the 660-pupil school was already full, so girls would have to be phased in over a number of years starting in 1997. He said: "Numbers have risen by 10 per cent in the past five years. If you are changing out of principle, it must be done when the school is quite conspicuously going from a position of strength."

However, a backlash was expected from some parents. Mr Little said: "We have sent a questionnaire to parents and it is only a very small number who have chosen the school specifically because it is single sex. If we thought differently we would not be doing it. What people like is the ethos of the school, irrespective of the gender of pupils."

CASTLE STUDIOS



Joanna Hassocks, 15, a pupil at Sevenoaks, represented Scotland in the national rifle championships at Bisley

A child's sporting chance

Richard Barker argues that all of society benefits from sports opportunities provided at school

League tables used to be associated with sport. Now they are etched in people's minds as a benchmark for school examination performance, indeed, as the primary means of judging schools. This shift, of course, is reflected in the life of school communities: school sport and related activities are no longer regarded as highly as they once were, and because of this many children are losing out.

Over the past decade, school sport has had a particularly raw deal in the state sector. The exigencies of the national curriculum are partly responsible. There simply has not been the time in a normal five-day school (9am to 3.30pm) to give sport an adequate look-in since so much time is now centred on GCSE or A levels. Cost-cutting has not helped and many teachers are less willing than of old to give up their free time to encourage a child who may or may not be athletic but who really enjoys sport or other activities.

One result has been a toll on teenage fitness; another has been a closing of future doors. Sports such as basketball, cricket, football or sailing may be a joy for a lifetime. Some young people may go on to make a professional or amateur sporting career; others will continue them as a hobby.

Such activities can broaden horizons and extend the range of contacts in adult life. They can give a sense of fulfilment and self-worth, and an understanding of team spirit, so useful in family and working life — despite its deprecation in many quarters.

Nor should we be talking only of sport but also of testing activities like the well-developed Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme that provides trials of will and stamina, encourages the learning of many life skills and develops team spirit. It gives, too, the opportunity to the young to prove that they have self-reliance and can work with others in difficult situations.

So how can schools maintain and improve their league tables while at the same time offering the joy and challenges of recreational pursuits?

One way is for schools to make provisions for sport out of hours, including the weekend, and through occasional weeks in the holidays when, as it happens, many of the inter-school national competitions take place. This, of course, needs commitment from staff and parents, but the benefits to the young as they work their way up to club or national level can be both exciting and offer major opportunities for personal development.

At Sevenoaks, for example, we have sought to build up specialist activities, besides the usual large team sports, cultural and voluntary service programmes. Activities include sailing, shooting, tennis, or, for non-sportsmen, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Gradually, over a decade, the standard of performance has risen until the senior pupils (and some much younger) are competing at national and international level. Ten of our boys and girls are now shooting for their country. Top sailors competed in the UK trials of the Adult World Team Racing Championships. Seven pupils were selected to join major international expeditions through the British Schools' Exploring Society or Raleigh International, over the holiday. We are also hoping an Old Sennockian may bring back a sailing gold medal from the Olympics (only a few years ago that he was an ordinary member of the squad).

None of this has been achieved at the expense of the academic side. Dedicated staff, coaches and helpers have given additional time. Nor, except in tennis, have we great facilities. Our sailing is largely on a reservoir seven miles away, whilst our outdoor 25-yard range might be an applicant for the Heritage Fund.

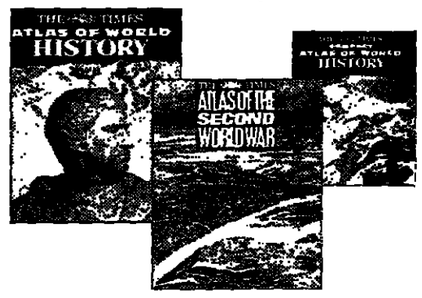
Finally, there is national pride to consider. Britain needs to keep its oar in the sporting scene. Sport may be undervalued in school but it is highly esteemed in life. Our countrymen were the first to break the four-minute-mile barrier and to conquer Everest. We have set an example of sportsmanship throughout the world. Without adequate emphasis on sports provision for the new generation we may find ourselves outclassed.

The writer is Headmaster of Sevenoaks School

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BANKS

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
7,154.40	Abbey Natl	542	+14	4.5	10.9
2,099.70	Allied Irish	315	-2	4.6	9.2
3,766.00	Aus New Z	271	+7	5.1	8.2
13,191.70	Bank America	3768½	-6½		
2,850.80	Bank Scotland	242	+3	3.0	10.7
12,096.40	Barclays	749	-4	3.8	10.2
1,897.10	Bk of Ireland	398	+2	4.0	8.0
192.30	Cater Allen	498	-10	7.3	7.5
17,639.20	Citicorp	4531¼	+143¾		
374.50	Close Bros	324	+19	3.6	
5,162.70	Commerzbk	£144¼	-56¾	3.7	
35,673.90	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1143¾	-16¼	0.5	
14,568.30	Deutsche Bk	3062½	-84½	2.4	
153.70	Espirito Santo	718¼	-40½	11.4	
39,247.20	Fuji Bank Y	1354¼	+21¼	0.4	
223.00	Gerrard Nat	457	-4	6.2	14.8
345.30	Hambros	195	-10	4.8	49.1
7,705.20	HSBC	897	+8	3.9	11.7
15,549.50	HSBC HK	873	+7½	4.0	11.4
245.90	Irish Perm	323	-3	3.8	7.5
23.10	Joseph (L)	435	-15	5.1	24.3
35.50	King Shaxson	138	-2	8.2	10.7
9,039.00	Lloyds	690	+1	4.9	10.5
7,482.90	Nat Aust Bk	558	+2	6.7	8.7
11,015.80	Nat West	632	-2	4.5	9.8
125.00	Oakman Bank	2500		6.4	3.5
20.90	Rea Brothers	47	-1	2.7	18.8
3,631.50	Roy Bk Scot	450	-2	4.0	10.8
2,046.00	Schroders	1356	-13	1.3	19.3
495.00	Schroders N/V	1125	-10	1.6	16.8
210.50	Singer & Fried	107		4.3	11.1
4,381.30	Stand Chart	451	-20	2.5	11.3
4,238.30	TSB	276	+3	4.3	11.6
30.60	Union	115	-5	3.3	
6,022.10	Wells Fargo	£117¾	+3½	2.5	
4,671.92	Westpac	258	+4	2.2	
25.10	Winthrust	395		4.8	10.9

BREWERIES

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
60.20	Ascot Hldgs	218	-7		0.4
5,619.20	Bass	640	+2	4.2	15.4
323.50	Boddington	266	-1	4.3	13.7
37.20	Burtonwd Brw	179		3.7	16.6
36.20	Eldridge P 'A'	175		3.0	21.2
1,899.10	Fosters Brewing	59		5.1	
66.30	Fuller Sm 'A'	423	-4	2.5	18.1
1,044.60	Greenalls Grp	498	-5	5.4	14.4
251.00	Greene King	592	-2	3.0	15.8
52.60	Hardy Hanson	263	-4	4.6	12.3
3.59	Highgate	155		4.5	10.9
97.60	Holt J	3148	+13	2.2	16.8
204.50	Mansfield	318	-6	2.0	16.7
271.80	Marston Thmp	303	-7	2.7	15.2
141.30	Morland	508		2.8	15.3
6.85	Paramount	7½	+1	3.6	
81.30	Regent Inns	578	+50	1.5	
5,635.10	SA Breweries	1975	-12½	1.8	
3,686.60	Scot & New	605	-7	3.8	16.3
	Scot & New P/P	330			
296.50	Vaux Group	292	+5	4.4	15.9
325.20	Wetherspoon JD	617	-3	1.4	28.5
2,948.50	Whitbread	613	+2	4.1	15.9
363.40	Wolverhampton D	544	-11	3.3	14.0
103.60	Yates Bros	263	-16	7.4	26.4
12.80	Young 'A'	442		4.2	19.8

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
52.30	Abbey	135	+3	4.9	8.8
59.80	Allen	185		3.7	13.8
121.50	Amec	60	+1	6.4	12.3
33.30	Andrews Sykes	233			
139.40	Ashtead	460	+2	2.0	15.2
23.50	Avonside	54		7.6	8.6
2.89	Bailey (Ben) Con	27½		4.8	8.7
14.70	Barcon	35	-1		
155.40	Barratt Devs	194		5.0	
429.60	Beazer Homes	153	+11	4.9	
213.20	Bellway	218		4.2	11.1
7.22	Belwarch	16		1.6	8.6
317.80	Berkeley Gp	410	-1	2.4	12.7
25.40	Bett Bros	189		3.7	5.3
56.20	Bovis (Percy)	308	-2	4.3	9.8
23.90	Brandon Hire	110		2.6	19.5
6.38	Britannia Gp	28		7.3	5.4
6.49	Br Bldg & Eng	49	-1	20.4	6.8
310.00	Bryant	111	+1½	5.7	
47.40	CALA	110	+1	3.6	
3.89	Campbell & Arm	27	-6		21.4
6.40	Clarke T	52		9.8	12.9
35.70	Costain	69	-10		
51.20	Countryside	67	-1	7.9	9.6
50.00	Crest Nicholson	50½	-2½	5.0	7.1
14.40	Crossroad	81	+1	5.9	7.1
17.60	Eve Group	180		7.6	9.7
13.30	Galliford	15		8.3	
76.10	Gleeson (MJ)	753		2.6	14.4
5.24	Green (Ernst)	68	-1	9.8	
62.60	Havelock Euro	238	+1	1.6	20.3
398.40	Hewden-Stuart	144	+3	2.4	16.7
51.60	Higgs & Hill	78	-7	4.1	65.4
3.50	Howard Holdgs	35		6.7	17.5
10.70	Jarvis	25½			
70.00	Kellert	153	-½	3.8	12.7
100.10	Laing (J)	218	+3	5.2	26.9
34.50	Laing 6½% Cv Pf	85	-1	9.3	
12.70	Lon Clydeside	140		3.1	16.7
6.77	Lovell (YJ)	17	-7	7.4	17
46.20	Maunders (J)	186	-3	3.7	10.2
85.70	McAlpine (A)	124	+10	6.2	13.8
54.20	McCarthy & S	55	-1		15.5
23.20	Morgan Sindall	73	-1		
108.30	Mowlem (J)	62	-2	4.0	28.0
195.20	Persimmon	167	-5	7.1	11.6
18.30	Pochins	1759½	-40½	2.3	
77.80	Prowting	100	-1	4.8	12.8
43.30	Raine Ind	23	-4	13.6	4.8
5.15	Secure Retire	50		2.5	9.5
241.40	Redrow	109	+2	3.6	
17.90	Severfield-Rvt	114	+17	1.6	19.7
42.40	Sheriff Hldgs	379	-1	2.1	13.8
5.10	Simpson	81		6.2	12.4
111.40	Standex	345	-8	1.0	21.9
44.10	Tay Homes	151	-2	5.5	10.5
409.83	Taylor Woodrow	106	-2½	2.7	20.2
150.40	Tilbury Dougls	445	-3	6.4	14.9
6.81	Tolex Hnt	41	-3	4.0	17.5
4.59	Trencherwood	6	-2		2.4
6.92	Try Group	10		6.2	14.0
43.09	Vosper	93	-1	5.4	7.4
66.30	Wainhomes	105	-2	5.4	9.7
22.10	Ward Holdgs	42		4.5	9.4
101.50	Westbury	153	-1	4.7	12.0
14.80	Wiggins	3			
294.20	Wilson (C)	148	-½	3.6	11.0
312.90	Wilson Bowdn	336	+1	3.8	12.1
385.95	Wimpey Gc	108	+3	6.4	15.7

BUILDING MATERIALS

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
8.70	[illegible]	12		1.0	
138.40	Alumasc	445	+8	2.2	
35.90	[illegible]	60		2.6	17.3
1,600.66	BPB Ind	318	+6	3.5	14.6
45.39	Baggeridge Brk	113	-4	3.5	10.7
158.40	Bardon	28½	-½	8.8	13.9
12.20	[illegible]	53		1.9	
2,254.60	Blue Circle	308	+2	4.8	14.0
23.60	Breedon PLC	83		7.4	11.2
21.70	Br Dredging	124	-2	5.6	15.0
1,529.20	CRH	434	-5	2.4	15.4
3.28	[illegible]	38		3.3	
96.30	Caparo	178	+1	7.7	13.5
1,297.50	Caradon	216½	+6½	5.5	11.2
304.30	Caradon pf	113½		8.0	
1.87	[illegible]	21		11.9	
3.19	[illegible]	188		2.7	
11.40	[illegible] 'A'	83		6.0	
31.10	Eclipse Blinds	93			
52.53	[illegible]	243	-2	4.6	13.1
1.83	Gibbs & Dandy	96		4.2	
271.50	Graham Gp	188		3.6	16.3
111.90	[illegible]	368	+1	2.6	16.5
679.40	Hepworth	273	+22	6.8	12.6
5.53	[illegible]	60	-8	5.2	7.7
11.30	[illegible]	88	+1		
197.30	Heywd Wms	204	-9	8.5	10.5
187.95	Ibstock	57½	-½	2.8	17.8
25.80	[illegible]	335	-30	3.7	11.0
26.37	[illegible]	91	+1	6.7	10.9
365.40	Marley	109	+1	5.4	9.6
155.00	Marshalls	132½	-7½	4.7	9.9
484.50	Meyer Int	329	+5	4.5	10.7
181.30	Newman Tonks	142	-2½	6.1	12.8
142.63	Norcros	85	-2	6.1	
5.52	Phoenix Timber	16			15.2
1,593.80	Pilkington	199	-5	2.6	21.9
152.18	Polypipe	184	-2	3.4	
2,662.40	RMC Gp	1026	-2	2.7	14.8
0.34	Ramus	3½			
1,357.00	Redland	379	+13	5.6	11.4
13.70	[illegible]	110		4.9	11.4
79.33	[illegible]	152	-8	5.1	13.2
659.35	Rugby Group	105	+½	4.3	13.5
26.07	[illegible]	110	-1	3.0	14.9
177.50	SIG	220	-10½	3.5	12.2
2.22	[illegible]	13	-½	1.9	
33.50	Sharpe & Fisher	159		4.0	12.5
154.30	Spring Ram	34	-1½	1.8	
566.05	Tarmac	94	+5½	7.6	13.8
15.40	[illegible]	140		4.1	10.9
316.20	Travis Perkins	327	+12	3.7	12.7
3.16	[illegible]	29		2.2	28.0
1.45	[illegible]	58			
458.95	[illegible]	130	-2	1.8	24.1
2,135.50	Wolseley	369	-11½	3.0	13.1

BUSINESS SERVICES

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
9.19	[illegible]	1			
15.35	[illegible]	58			
2.16	[illegible]	5¾	-½		
11.62	[illegible]	47	+5	8.2	7.6
3.08	[illegible]	75	+1		24.2
2.42	[illegible]	4½			
2.02	[illegible]	7½		1.6	24.2
17.23	[illegible]	150		6.9	10.1
75.20	Fridart	256	-½	1.3	18.9
5.51	[illegible]	32	-1		
88.50	[illegible]	371	+12	2.6	16.3
104.45	[illegible]	158	-2	6.2	16.4
22.60	[illegible]	139		6.6	8.5
105.60	[illegible]	174	-1½	3.6	
17.90	[illegible]	56		5.6	6.1
2.56	[illegible]	2	-2½		
178.70	[illegible]	97	-2	4.3	20.4
46.40	[illegible]	213		4.3	15.9
1,286.40	[illegible]	343	+1		13.0
41.50	[illegible]	125	-4	1.2	27.7

CHEMICALS

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
525.50	Albright & Wil	167	+2½	4.5	17.6
687.30	Allied Colloids	135	+½	2.6	17.3
37.30	Amber Ind	238	+3	3.0	
8,097.50	BASF DM	2138¾	-40¾	3.2	
3,035.20	BOC	799	-15	3.9	16.6
450.60	BTP	276	-4	4.9	15.2
11,170.40	Bayer DM50	£161½	-84¾	3.6	
112.20	[illegible]	165	+4		
62.20	Brent Chems	92	-20	4.4	19.4
559.20	Br Vita	255	+1	3.9	16.2
4.31	[illegible]	32	+1		
65.30	Canning (W)	230		4.3	14.8
1,611.50	Courtaulds	392	-4½	4.8	15.7
466.80	Croda	351	-7	3.2	15.3
31.90	[illegible]	220	+26	3.3	14.2
37.20	Euro Colour	96	-1	3.2	24.9
17.46	[illegible]	191	+3	4.1	15.1
198.80	[illegible]	113	-4	4.7	10.6
9,110.60	Hoechst	£154¼	-66½	3.3	
203.10	Hallcan Chem	154	-3	3.2	13.8
5,821.80	ICI	802	-19	4.4	17.1
410.50	Inspec	353	-7	1.7	24.5
519.80	[illegible]	146½	-3½	3.9	16.7
1,558.10	Laporte	608		3.6	16.5
26.70	MTM	72	+½	2.8	12.9
127.60	[illegible]	319	-6	4.4	14.4
11.10	[illegible]	46		4.1	17.4
23,162.60	Montedison	435½	-48½	4.5	20.2
107.30	Porvair	408	-5	1.5	30.7
556.90	Scapa	234	-1	3.3	18.9
17.03	[illegible]	30	+1	1.7	37.2
7,785.30	Takeda Chem	890¼	+15¼	1.0	11.8
95.60	Wardle Storeys	375		5.8	18.6
59.90	Wellington Hldg	254	+2	3.7	19.4
76.60	[illegible]	1013	-40	2.7	17.1
147.50	Yorks Chem	323	-6	3.3	15.8
340.70	Yule Catto	339	+1	2.6	17.8

DISTRIBUTORS

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
33.00	ABI Leis	100		5.2	11.5
23.60	Alston & Harvey	659	-3	4.0	6.6
6.04	Alexanders	15	-1	5.8	24.7
72.58	Appleyard	109		6.9	11.7
9.19	Ass Br Engt	3½		2.1	28.5
158.90	BSS Group	604	-5	4.0	17.4
49.90	[illegible]	35	+1½		
6.37	Bearing Power	18		6.9	8.9
1.21	Begtod 'A'	25		3.5	8.9
212.00	[illegible]	467	-1	3.6	18.0
4.67	Bridport Gp	17	+1	1.5	
21.40	Brit Fittings	90		4.5	13.4
44.40	[illegible]	42	-1	5.7	14.3
8.35	[illegible]	259		5.7	18.0
8.22	Central Mot	80		5.7	16.3
25.30	Cook (DC)	50	-1	3.2	
504.60	Cowie	313	+2	3.8	13.5
37.00	Dag Motors	153	-1	6.0	12.5
23.80	[illegible]	540		1.8	11.9
240.40	Diploma	430	+1	4.1	14.1
1,372.20	Electrocomponents	325	+3	2.3	23.7
224.30	Ellis & Everard	288	-4	3.9	15.6
137.40	[illegible]	336	-3	2.2	16.3
74.00	[illegible]	151	-2	6.5	9.1
56.80	European Mot	106	-6	5.9	9.1
136.70	Evans Halshaw	426	-2	4.5	13.2
916.00	Farnell Elect	873	-2	1.7	21.8
10.20	[illegible]	68		6.2	10.8
19.90	[illegible]	18½		5.5	8.1
7.90	[illegible]	26½		1.4	
7.92	[illegible]	87	-2	3.2	14.5
16.50	Harris (Philip)	171	-2	5.2	11.9
74.50	Headlam	179	-1	3.0	15.6
277.10	Henlys	535	-9	2.3	19.9
3.18	Holders Tech	102		7.4	19.4
56.40	ISA Int	141	+2	1.4	35.3
1,700.20	Inchcape	322	-19	5.9	28.7
8.39	Jacks (Wm)	61		1.6	11.5
314.70	Park-Fitt	182	+9	3.1	15.6
399.00	Lex Service	354	-1	5.1	18.8
33.70	Lookers	173	-2	5.6	9.5
2.80	[illegible]	77	-1	3.5	22.9
41.20	[illegible]	7¼		0.9	16.6
49.30	[illegible]	474	+4	1.3	18.3
34.00	[illegible]	200	+10	1.1	16.0
12.60	PCT	142		6.9	9.9
108.70	Pendragon	283	+3	3.7	14.8
41.20	Perry Gp	183	+3	6.0	12.1
33.50	Quicks Group	145	+3	5.0	12.4
14.00	REA	161		3.1	19.2
5.76	Reece	3½			
24.60	Ronson	56	-1	2.8	11.2
5.17	Ross Gp	3½	-1½		
56.00	SEP Indl	61½	+1½	2.4	20.5
34.60	[illegible]	14	+½		8.0
24.50	TLS	68	+4	3.4	11.6
137.30	Time Products	258	+3	4.4	16.2
136.70	Vardy (Reg)	273		2.6	17.3
41.70	Wholesale Fit	294	-½	5.0	
65.90	Wilshaw	77½		1.2	20.2
40.70	[illegible]	82	-½	1.9	
14.90	Young (H)	90		5.0	13.8

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
126.80	Adwest	154	+3½	6.6	
531.20	Antofagasta	338	-10	1.7	15.8
15,692.70	Broken Hill	872	+4	2.7	
12,067.40	BTR	326½		5.3	14.2
16,335.50	BAT	529	+10	5.4	12.3
369.50	[illegible]	178	+13	1.1	47.1
187.50	Bibby (J)	120	-5	6.0	22.2
1,242.70	Brierley Inv	47¼	-¼	9.0	2.6
746.50	Charter	863	-9	3.6	14.0
1,927.20	Cookson	283	-2½	3.2	18.0
10,501.60	Hanson	202¾	-8¼	7.4	11.1
1,080.80	Harrisons Crsfld	152¾	+2½	7.6	15.8
12,438.50	Hutch Whamp	343¾	+11	2.2	18.8
3,053.10	Jardine Math	425	-43½	3.7	8.7
6.30	Jourdan (T)	35	+1	4.5	9.4
1,290.50	Lonrho	166½	-1½	1.4	23.0
92.10	McLeod Russel	151		5.1	15.2
37.80	Porter Chadburn	40	+½		14.9
514.50	Powell Duffryn	599	+1½	5.2	15.7
35.10	[illegible]	150	+3	6.9	10.3
3,550.80	Sime Darby	188	-3	2.6	
246.80	Staveley	215	-3	4.9	15.7
219.40	Suter	187	+1	8.5	12.5
443.20	TT Group	277	+½	3.6	15.8
2,988.70	Tomkins	252	+4½	4.3	14.0
301.70	Trafalgar H	78	-6½	4.5	
57.40	[illegible]	39		6.4	
535.20	Wassall	277	+3	2.0	13.5
85.30	Whitecroft	194	-5	2.7	15.5
13.10	Widney	9½	-½	3.7	14.4
1,914.00	Williams Hldgs	330	+½	5.2	15.4

ELECTRICITY

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1,661.30	East Midlands	858	+11	4.2	11.6
2,432.50	Eastern Grp	973	+1	3.6	13.0
1,713.10	London Elec	885	+27	4.2	11.5
1,074.80	Manweb	998	-8	4.0	13.6
1,860.30	Midlands	775	+12	4.8	10.0
6,135.20	National Power	516	-17	3.7	11.5
6,620.70	Nat Power P/P	355	-16	3.6	11.4
770.60	Northern Elec	780	-23	5.3	7.9
608.00	Nthn Ireland	434	-24	3.9	10.6
1,688.40	Norweb	1083	+89	3.3	11.4
4,050.30	PowerGen	559	-21	3.3	12.4
1,437.20	PowerGen (P/P)	249	-22	3.3	12.4
1,321.00	Hydro-Electr	344	-2	5.1	10.0
2,879.40	Scottish Power	352	-6	4.8	10.5
1,208.90	Seeboard	482	-3	3.7	10.6
852.80	Sth Wales	921	-2	4.2	9.6
998.80	Sth Western	899	+1	4.0	10.6
2,449.80	Southern Elect	897	+58	4.0	12.3
1,622.80	Yorkshire Elect	881	+30	4.3	11.0

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
86.60	Acal	449		2.1	18.0
97.90	Acorn Comp	109	-1		
92.20	Admiral	750	+5	1.4	19.7
110.90	Albert	235	+½	3.8	16.1
26.60	Amstrad	24¾	-1½	1.3	
26.80	Arlen	36	+½	2.1	12.5
368.80	Assoc	119½	-2½	1.4	18.6
72.80	Azlan	332	+2	1.1	27.0
1,069.10	BICC	302	-10	5.2	17.5
25.20	Bowes Hunter	238		5.4	
160.30	[illegible]	522	-1	2.9	16.7
786.70	Bowthorpe	420	-1	2.6	19.0
6.43	Balgin 'AF' 'A'	24¾	+1	2.0	11.0
21.90	CML Micro	118	-5	6.5	9.1
7.30	[illegible]	22	-3	7.4	6.4
60.00	Chloride	24½	-½	1.5	84.9
13.50	[illegible]	73		5.2	18.2
22.00	[illegible]	208		4.9	27.1
105.50	Cray Elect	44½	-½	7.0	
90.60	Critchley	637	+4	1.8	22.4
1,132.30	[illegible]	573	+19	0.4	35.7
632.70	Delta	423½	-1	4.6	14.6
125.30	Domino	471	-3	2.7	15.5
96.30	Dowding Mills	64½	+1½	5.3	
130.90	[illegible]	2045	+55	0.8	36.8
2,111.60	Electrolux 'B'	2969¾	-53¼	3.8	4.9
32.00	Emess	30	+1	0.4	79.5
13,488.50	Ericsson 'B'	1540¾	+28¼	0.8	37.2
45.80	[illegible]	94	-3	2.9	18.8
480.60	Eurotherm	537	-1	1.5	24.3
418.80	Farey Group	512	-1	1.8	21.4
201.30	[illegible]	481	+2	0.2	
72.10	Forward Gp	532	-18	1.4	29.9
26.10	Forward Tech	76	+5	3.3	12.4
8,724.90	GEC	317½	-8	4.6	15.1
17.00	Gestetner	89	-1	3.6	13.4
10.10	Goodwin	166	-½	5.0	15.2
36.30	Ind Control	91	-14	5.1	
8.08	Intelek	20		4.7	
114.80	Kenwood Ap	350	-10	5.0	11.2
8.36	Kode	88	+1		
3.51	LPA Ind	39		5.4	27.7
51.50	MTL Inst	297	-2	2.1	15.8
140.70	Memec-Soft	286	-9	2.2	18.5
32.00	Microvitec	47½	-2	2.3	14.5
367.30	Misys	347	-31		
4.51	Pace Systems	96		4.3	
17.20	Peek	106	-1½	4.0	17.0
10,236.16	Philips Lmp Fl	3049¾	-63¾	1.6	12.3
22.00	[illegible]	329	-4	2.7	
15.20	[illegible] 'A' Ngt	329	-2	2.3	
7.15	Plasmec	143	-1	3.8	11.8
53.80	Pressac	145		2.4	22.8
17.50	[illegible]	43	-7½		
124.30	Psion	584	-1	0.8	24.7
6.00	Quadrant	16	-1	2.0	24.7
769.90	Racal Elect	274	-4	2.3	21.1
14.80	Radamec	80	-3	3.5	17.5
95.10	[illegible]	339	-12		23.4
151.20	[illegible]	270	+2	2.5	13.5
5.80	Scantronic	9½	-½		
34.60	[illegible]	54		2.5	14.5
3.74	[illegible]	37		8.4	10.7
53.00	[illegible]	213		2.6	
1.79	TES Circuits	8½	+2		
4,274.20	TDK	3250	+107¼	1.0	
18.10	Tadpole Tech	99	-15		
115.50	Telemetrix	126	+1	1.2	17.9
20.90	TGI	97		3.5	13.1
231.70	[illegible]	731	+11	0.7	40.3
34.60	Thorpe FW	270	-5	1.9	
314.20	TLG	176	-1	2.5	19.6
2.12	Total Systems	21	+4		27.3
102.30	Tunstall	311		1.5	19.8
387.90	Unitech	559	-7	1.7	20.6
30.83	[illegible]	13	+1	1.0	
119.10	Volex	429	+8	5.5	15.5
6.16	Wakebourne	28			4.9
44.10	Whessoe	149		1.3	

ENGINEERING

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
48.00	[illegible]	331		1.7	
281.20	APV	95	-3	4.1	
172.30	[illegible]	214	-3	3.7	10.3
18.30	Aero Needle	32	-2		
70.60	Alvis	127	-2	1.2	
42.90	[illegible]	163		4.9	13.8
66.40	[illegible]	638	+10	4.4	22.1
14.10	Avdale Metal	141	-2	4.9	8.1
70.80	BI Group	106	-1	6.0	12.8
39.20	Babcock	171		1.2	
78.50	[illegible]	160		5.2	20.6
146.50	Baynes (Charles)	102½	-½	2.7	17.8
13.00	Beaufort	29		1.9	6.8
1.87	[illegible]	123		5.4	
241.40	Bodycote	414	-5	1.3	21.0
1.52	[illegible]	38	-2		
16.60	[illegible]	71	-1½	3.5	
109.20	[illegible]	148	-2		18.6
3,125.60	Br Aerospace	732	-20	1.5	27.3
3,693.50	Br Steel	181½	+½	5.2	8.2
3.39	Brooke Tool	10½		1.2	24.3
47.40	[illegible]	32½	+1		
165.80	Bullough	137	-1	5.5	13.3
35.10	[illegible]	114		3.3	16.5
190.00	Carclo Eng	310	-2½	4.0	16.1
79.20	Castings	185		2.3	15.0
11.90	Chamberlin Hd	163		5.4	11.5
84.30	[illegible]	362	-5	3.5	17.4
12.60	Clyde Blowers	160		3.9	
317.50	Cobham	415		2.5	28.0
4.72	Cohen (A)	590		1.5	9.5
105.00	Concentric	173		4.0	14.7
50.23	Cook (Wm)	230	-4	4.5	9.4
148.30	David Brown	235	-9	3.8	15.4
197.40	Dobson Park	126	+5	3.7	26.0
191.60	[illegible]	438	-6	4.0	14.7
39.90	Elliott (B)	104	+1	3.0	11.8
55.70	Expamet	98	+6	2.3	16.6
988.30	FKI	175	-2	3.5	17.2
145.10	Fenner	157	+5	1.5	22.6
2.99	[illegible]	12			
49.40	[illegible]	134	+1	2.8	16.4
7.68	[illegible]	197	+36	1.7	10.6
572.50	Glynwed	358½	+2½	4.4	14.3
47.00	Graystone	17½	+½	5.2	
30.10	[illegible]	87	-½	3.4	21.5
11.50	Hadleigh	180		2.3	13.6
83.40	Hall Eng	209	+11	3.7	
456.20	Halma	171	+4	1.6	23.0
29.80	Hampson Ind	48	+2	5.7	9.2
4.95	Hay (Norman)	33			
42.90	Hill & Smith	117	-1	6.2	14.7
30.10	Hopkinsons	38½	-2½	4.2	
15.90	How Gp	38	-1	2.5	
246.20	Howden	89½	-1½	4.6	11.2
207.30	Hunting	212	-½	5.9	23.4
1,125.70	IMI	324	+3	4.1	28.6
92.30	Jenkins & FB	65½	-1	2.6	68.0
1,266.30	Johnson Mthy	586	+16	3.0	17.7
10.60	Jones Stroud	42			
15.70	Kalzey Ind	508		3.9	12.9
27.10	[illegible]	205	+14	3.7	
5.10	Locker (T) A	17		2.9	
67.90	ML Hldgs	41	-1	3.8	13.5
9.32	MS Int	34		1.8	
31.20	Mang Bronze	189	+5	3.0	16.0
452.30	McKechnie	462	-5	4.1	28.3
161.60	Meggitt	74½	-2½	6.6	17.9
119.90	Molins	118	-1	4.0	18.7
20.80	[illegible]	133		2.9	27.9
279.80	[illegible]	820	+12	2.7	14.3
878.40	Morgan Cble	388	-2	4.3	17.2
35.70	Morris Ashby	320	+1	2.8	16.5
12.50	Neepsend	51	-1	3.7	13.0
15.80	[illegible]	61		3.5	12.5
1.34	[illegible]	31			
14.10	[illegible]	19½		4.8	
221.80	Oxford Instr	449	+3	1.6	19.8
320.00	Powerscreen	360	-3	2.8	14.6
15.70	Prospect Inds	5½	-½	15.7	
0.48	Radiant Metal	65			
31.30	Ransomes	55			
33.30	Record	68		6.7	13.4
222.20	Renishaw	413	+40	2.2	
186.50	Renold	278	+7	2.0	20.4
3.61	Richard (Leics)	43		6.5	14.9
33.00	Richardson Westt	91	-1	4.8	14.9
2,538.70	Rolls-Royce	174	+½	3.6	24.7
150.70	Rotork	172	-1	3.6	16.4
42.60	Rubicon	183		3.7	17.2
318.20	Senior Engg	105½		4.1	37.3
32.60	Servomex	323	+14	2.8	21.7
3,108.00	Siebe	724	+1	2.1	28.1
142.30	Simon Eng	98	+1		
72.50	[illegible]	134	+1½	1.9	13.2
901.20	SKF 'B'	1412½	+35	2.7	14.0
1,157.10	Smiths Ind	592		2.9	20.3
457.20	Spirax-Sarco	599	+10	2.5	18.7
79.50	Sterling Ind	284		3.3	16.4
2,115.20	TI	451	+13	3.4	21.1
9.78	Tinsley (E)	94		7.5	13.0
92.40	TransTec	95	+4	1.9	
111.00	Triplex Lloyd	170½	-3½	5.1	17.0
39.30	Utd Inds	17½		2.3	18.6
815.10	VSEL	2145		2.4	
19.20	[illegible]	13			
798.20	Vickers	241	+9	2.8	19.4
10.40	Vilers Gp	14	-½		
21.80	Vinten	722	+13	1.6	18.4
296.00	Vosper Thorny	925		2.8	17.6
239.60	Wagon Indl	506	-6	4.6	15.4
529.70	Weir	287	+8	3.3	22.5
79.90	Wellman	58¾	-½	3.5	10.7
106.50	Whatman	483	-2	3.2	14.7

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
5.31	AAF Inds	23			
25.00	Airflow Stream	294	+9	3.0	11.0
18.70	Armour	45½		5.6	
139.60	Avon Rubber	523	-5	4.0	18.8
1,198.90	BBA	280	+7	2.2	
194.90	BSG	66½	-2	6.1	13.9
5.37	Benson Group	3½	-2½	11.7	5.1
52.90	Bostrom	315	-2	3.5	17.3
11.20	Boustead	17	-1	7.4	
29.50	[illegible]	12½		2.9	8.1
28.60	ERF	292	-1	1.9	17.2
77.10	First Tech	488		1.8	18.4
2,878.00	GKN	827	+13	3.4	16.9
21,049.80	General Mtr	2962½	-43½	2.6	
11,043.70	Honda Motor	1133¾	+75½	0.4	
611.20	Laird	431	+1	3.4	16.2
8.18	Lander	495			
1,714.40	Lucas	196	+5	4.5	
193.50	Mayflower	88½		2.4	22.8
22.70	[illegible]	43	-3½		4.9
48.50	[illegible]	186		3.5	18.3
950.50	T & N	179	-2	4.2	
185.10	Trinity Hldgs	362	+8	2.6	19.6

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3,082.50	AB Food	685	-1	2.9	14.2
136.60	Acatos & Hutch	247	-3	4.6	9.4
377.30	Albert Fisher	53		8.8	15.7
23.10	Banks (S C)	265	+3	4.7	13.5
66.40	Barr (AG)	337	-6	2.9	15.1
8.65	[illegible]	17	-1		
902.40	Booker	400	-5	7.2	19.9
32.10	Borthwick	38		4.3	28.6
36.00	CPL Aromas	338	+27	1.4	23.6
4,732.50	Cadbury Schwpt	479	-1	4.1	17.2
19.30	Carr's Milling	276	+1	3.2	10.5
26.60	[illegible]	103	+5	5.9	12.5
11.70	Dalepak	101	+2	2.7	
1,278.50	Dalgety	443	-½	6.2	21.7
4.58	[illegible]	50		8.2	
328.10	Devro	243	+1½	3.3	15.3
24.60	[illegible]	97		3.3	
4.72	[illegible]	18	+½		
54.80	Finlay (James)	55		7.3	21.5
19.80	[illegible]	15		4.4	9.4
423.30	Greencore	496	-4	2.5	13.0
281.40	Hazlewood Fdst	121	+2	6.9	
1,234.20	Hillsdown	177	+5	6.6	11.7
111.30	Hobson	28½	+½	3.6	32.3
31.10	JLI Group	75	-1	8.2	11.8
54.30	Linton Park	335	-3	5.4	8.1
127.60	Matthews (B)	103	+1½	3.9	9.8
90.60	Nichols (JN)	230	-1	3.4	14.8
1,059.80	Nthn Foods	183	-2	6.0	
7.67	[illegible]	12½			9.2
1.95	Pascoe's	12½	+8		
7.50	[illegible]	9½			
93.50	Perkins Food	75	-4	7.4	10.6
49.20	[illegible]	160	-2		
5.12	[illegible]	119	-15	3.6	9.5
22.40	Sims Food	65	-2	7.7	12.6
1,782.50	Tate & Lyle	449	+5	4.1	9.3
37.40	[illegible]	390	-9	1.7	17.8
997.20	Unigate	424	-1	5.4	14.5
10,281.60	Unilever	1264	+22	2.7	15.2
13,062.20	Unilever (NV)	8131¼	+112½	3.0	12.3
1,464.50	Utd Biscuits	277	+3	6.1	17.3
16.50	WT Foods	39	-2	6.0	14.5
44.10	Yorkshire Food	99		4.5	11.3

HEALTHCARE

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
568.20	Amersham	978	+8	2.2	19.3
46.50	Anagen	100	-1		
30.00	Assoc Nursg	183		2.0	14.0
81.20	[illegible]	321		4.8	22.2
27.00	Care UK	67		0.5	17.2
110.20	Celsis	143	+13		
88.20	Community H	359	+5	4.2	
62.60	CrestaCare	33	+½	3.1	11.4
5.93	[illegible]	72	-5	7.6	2.9
5.88	[illegible]	55		5.1	7.6
56.10	Goldsborough	128	-7	3.4	10.5
16.20	Greenacre	9½		4.7	11.2
230.10	[illegible]	813	-10	1.0	29.9
15.90	[illegible]	56		7.8	13.5
36.10	Isotron	305		2.2	
200.30	Life Sciences	115	-1	4.8	11.9
447.50	Lon Ind	132	+3	0.9	
55.40	Nestor-BNA	74	-1	5.3	16.6
0.95	Premier Health	13	-3		
39.30	Quality Care	380		2.1	13.9
153.70	Scholl	226	-4	3.7	
199.30	Seton Health	481	+1	2.2	18.8
15.30	Shield Diag	82	-8		43.8
2,073.30	Smith & Neph	189	+1	3.6	21.6
4.00	[illegible]	20	+1		0.7
278.30	Takare	222	-3	1.4	15.3
469.10	UniChem	271	-5	3.4	15.2
221.40	West Hlthcare	346	-1	2.0	

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
43.00	Airsprung	180	-3	3.8	9.3
7.19	BLP Group	109		3.6	8.9
3.08	Bilston Batrsea	35			15.6
29.50	[illegible]	73	+4½	1.0	
6.72	[illegible]	143		6.7	10.3
54.10	Denby Group	182	-2	3.4	18.0
6.61	[illegible]	139		3.9	10.8
150.40	IMP Int	432		2.6	12.4
4.41	[illegible]	2½	-½		
335.90	McBride	192½	-10½	4.4	13.1
46.40	Maybom	233	+2	3.6	12.7
24.00	Osborne & Little	393	-2	3.6	10.5
111.80	Paterson Zoch	458		3.3	14.0
90.60	Paterson Zoch 'A'	294	-1	4.4	12.1
2,725.70	Reckitt Colm	657	-8	3.7	16.8
58.40	Relyon	373		3.3	17.5
141.30	Royal Doulton	257		3.8	12.8
94.10	Silentnight	202		5.0	13.0
17.50	Stoddard	26½	-1½	7.5	8.7
8.95	[illegible]	13½	-5	9.1	19.4
5.92	[illegible]	97			
96.70	Walker Greenb	83	-6	5.4	13.7
446.50	Waterford Wdgw	63	+1½	1.6	21.1
4.10	Wood (Arthur)	105	-20	2.5	16.2

INSURANCE

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
664.10	Alex & Alex	1506	-25	4.2	
4,825.10	Am Gen	2389¼	-51¼	3.3	
101.80	Angerstein	86		4.4	27.4
19.80	Archer	54		3.3	
28.30	[illegible]	46		15.5	6.4
1,251.00	Britannic	655	-9	2.7	
78.00	[illegible]	90½		2.5	
3,890.20	Coml Union	585	-12	5.8	9.3
47.80	[illegible]	94		2.1	
92.38	Dom & Gen	1358		3.1	
77.00	[illegible]	190¾		3.9	8.0
46.90	Fenchurch Grp	130	-1	7.3	8.6
30.60	[illegible]	102	+8	2.1	
2,834.30	Gen Accident	618	-6	6.1	9.2
1,914.00	GRE	218	-2	5.9	4.2
59.30	HCG Lloyds	91		4.4	39.7
100.30	Heath CE	149	-34	13.4	3.3
147.40	[illegible]	282	-4	3.8	29.6
30.50	[illegible]	102		2.1	40.2
157.30	Independent	349½	+4	3.6	7.7
626.90	[illegible]	326	-3	5.9	19.9
151.00	JIB Group	118		8.1	13.6
27.00	[illegible]	100		5.1	
2,937.30	Legal & Genl	597	-8½	4.7	17.6
3,862.30	Liberty Life	1597½	-2½	9.5	4.9
123.70	Lloyd Thomp	159	-3	7.4	
3,134.70	Lloyds Abbey	451	-3	5.5	13.9
426.50	London & Manc	351	-3	6.3	14.3
289.80	London Ins NM	103¾	+½	1.3	33.6
89.00	Lowndes Lmbt	150	-2	6.9	
4,119.60	Marsh McLn	5237½	+65½	3.8	
36.30	Minet	50	-1	8.5	24.0
74.60	Nelson Hurst	165	-1	5.3	10.6
51.00	New London Cap	35		4.8	
30.40	Ockham	60	-1	6.4	
25.30	Orion	94		7.1	10.5
15.80	Premium Trust	83		4.8	
15.00	Premium Underw	114	-1		
7,208.50	Prudential	373	+5½	4.9	15.1
4.32	PWS	14		3.1	
651.50	Refuge	412	-4	3.9	29.3
2,222.70	[illegible]	353		4.6	6.5
592.60	Sedgwick	138½	-7½	7.5	9.8
22.40	[illegible]	43	-4½	21.8	4.3
2,967.00	Sun Alliance	364½	+2½	5.6	15.2
28.80	Syndicate Capt	35	-1	3.5	25.6
129.60	Trade Indemnity	71	-2	2.0	34.4
1,093.50	Transatlantic	363	-1	4.9	24.3
569.50	Utd Friendly	692	+4	3.8	14.9
428.80	Willis Corroon	119	-9	6.9	66.5
5.41	Windsor	18		3.9	5.7

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
2,364.50	3i	435½	+3½	2.2	
38.20	Abtrust Emerg	135½	-1½	0.3	
25.30	Abtrust High Inc	83		8.9	
95.10	Abtrust N Dawn	215½	-2	0.7	
1,000.43	Alliance	1985	+12	3.2	
237.00	American Trust	284½	-1	2.4	
517.30	Anglo & O'seas	463	+3	1.9	
36.00	Baillie Gifford Sh	125	+1		
321.10	Bankers	207	+3	2.4	
53.30	Baring Em Eu	43	-½		
176.00	Baring Tribune	343	-3	2.5	
288.40	Br Assets	82½		6.9	
123.50	Br Empire Sec	92½	-3	1.3	
4.52	Br Empire Wts	34	-1		
717.60	Br Inv	330	-2	2.8	
50.90	[illegible]	81½	-2		
166.40	Brunner	289	-3	2.7	
64.30	BZW Conv	125½	-½	7.8	
69.50	Candover	445	+3	3.5	
88.80	[illegible] Euro Gwth	44	-1	1.2	
36.50	China & Eastern	179		2.5	
38.80	[illegible] Asset	177		2.1	
5.54	Dartmoor Inv Inc	76		13.1	
49.50	Derby Cap	323	-7		
17.80	Derby Inc	151		15.1	
328.30	Dunedin Inc Gt	713	-10	4.7	
16.70	Dunedin Japan	82½			
55.40	Dunedin Smlr	330		3.4	
2.76	Dunedin Wts	34½			
266.60	[illegible]	178	-4	1.5	
269.60	Edin Dragon	102	-½		
22.60	[illegible]	27½	-1	0.2	
971.00	Edinburgh	330½	-1½	3.5	
32.80	EFM Japan	145½	+1		
637.00	Electra Inv	368	+3	2.5	
193.50	Electric Genl	214		1.9	
9.00	Eng & Caledon	230		2.5	
1.87	English Scot	142			
86.40	European Asset	342½	-2	1.9	
101.10	Fidelity Euro Val	194		0.2	
74.80	Fidelity Jap Val	71	+1½	0.2	
38.20	Fidelity Spec Val	104	-1		
27.80	Finsbury 'A'	174		2.3	
6.69	First Spanish	76	-1	0.4	
225.40	Fleming Amer	330	+1	0.6	
40.50	Fleming Chinese	67	-½	0.9	
3.69	Fleming Ch Wts	39			
132.70	Fleming Claver	249	+1	3.0	
223.30	Fleming Cont	342	-4	1.2	
142.10	Fleming Em Mkts	147	-1		
100.80	Fleming [illegible]	252	-1	2.5	
515.60	Fleming F East	341	+1	0.6	
38.50	Fleming Fledg	401	+2	0.9	
13.50	Fleming Hi Inct	102	+4	5.6	
57.20	Fleming Indian	67½	-1	1.7	
5.71	Fleming In Wts	34	-1		
28.90	Fleming Ind	39	+¼	11.9	
399.60	Fleming Japan	231			
432.18	Fleming Merct	289	+½	2.9	
47.50	Fleming Nat Res	95	+1		
413.00	Fleming Overst	311	+3	1.7	
1,550.20	Foreign & Col	147½	-2½	1.6	
43.80	For & Col Inc Gwt	102	-1	4.0	
204.80	Frgn Eng Mkts	109	-½		
77.50	Frgn Enterprise	82½		1.2	
158.20	Frgn Eurotst	254	-4	0.6	
49.90	Frgn German	127	+½	0.5	
398.40	Frgn Pacific	173	+4½	1.9	
78.60	Frgn PEP	137		3.6	
182.70	Frgn Smaller	174½	-½	1.5	
80.00	Frgn US Smlr	119½	+3½		
3.05	Fulcrum Cap	19			
4.04	Fulcrum Inct	36	-1		
13.70	Fulcrum Zero	158½			
108.50	Gartmore Brit	217	-1	4.2	
27.20	Gartmore Euro	160	-1½	0.7	
32.00	Gartmore Shred	94	-1	12.8	
35.90	G'more Smlr Cos	249	+4	2.9	
37.40	Geared Inc Inv	93		11.1	
32.40	Genl Cons Cap	179			
38.70	Genl Inct	107	+1	10.9	
33.10	German Inv	100	+1	0.2	
86.30	Gov Asn Sm Cos	230	-5½	0.1	
38.10	Gov Eng Mkt	105½	-1	0.4	
47.80	Govett Am Smlr	192	+1		
18.60	Gov Gbl Smlr	65½	-1½		
38.80	Govett High Inct	77		9.1	
661.30	Govett Oriental	368		0.4	
278.90	Govett Strategic	294	+1	3.8	
53.40	Greenfriar	441		2.0	
0.25	Gresham House	6			
144.10	GT Japan	231	-2½	0.7	
95.60	H Govett Smlr Co	133	-½	1.9	
32.80	Hend High	125½	+½	5.7	
57.80	Hend Strat	346	+3	0.2	
79.30	Henderson	122	+1	0.5	
86.60	HTR Jap Smaller	65½	+4		
0.50	I&S Ent	17			
33.10	I&S UK Smlr	114		3.1	
340.30	Inv Cap	137½	-½	4.7	
39.20	Inv Biotech	104	-1		
	Inv Wts	31			
103.20	INVESCO Asia	92	+½		
7.83	INVESCO [illegible]	62		16.9	
61.70	INVESCO Eng Int	126		0.8	
47.80	INVESCO Korea	143½	-½		
56.10	INVESCO Tokyo	51½	-½		
26.40	J Fry 2nd Ut	31	-2	9.1	
0.27	J Fry Euro Ut	87		6.4	
131.60	JF Fledg Jap	329	+7		
30.40	Jupiter Ind Gwt	121	-2	3.5	
194.40	Kleinwort Chr	240	-4	2.8	
23.10	Klnwt E Mkt	[illegible]	-2		
36.30	Klnwt Ent	[illegible]	+7		
401.30	Klnwt Euro Pvt	[illegible]	-½	0.3	
12.50	Klnwt Euro Wts	[illegible]	-½		
26.10	Klnwt H Inct	[illegible]	-1	12.4	
207.30	Klnwt O'seas	[illegible]	+1½		
18.20	Klnwt Smlr	[illegible]	-½	2.2	
135.30	Korea-Euro	[illegible]	-½		
99.60	Latin American	97½	-4½		
253.60	Law Debenture	231	-14	3.0	
15.70	Lazard H Inc	37	-1	9.2	
24.50	Lloyds Sm Cap	[illegible]	-1		
6.62	Lloyds Sm Inc	[illegible]		17.1	
31.10	Lloyds Sm [illegible]	[illegible]		3.6	
56.40	Lon & St Lawrence	[illegible]	-1	4.5	
45.60	Lon Smaller Cos	[illegible]	+1½	4.3	
81.60	Lowland	[illegible]		3.4	
194.00	[illegible]	[illegible]		1.5	
51.30	M&G 2nd Dual Cp	[illegible]	-5		
11.00	M&G 2nd Dual In	[illegible]		27.7	
125.50	M&G Dual Cap	[illegible]	-12		
12.70	M&G Dual Inc	[illegible]			
42.90	M&G Inc Growth	[illegible]	+½	10.1	
72.70	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap	[illegible]			
90.10	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	[illegible]	-½	13.4	
195.90	M&G Rec Package	[illegible]		5.1	
153.20	M&G Rec Zero Div	[illegible]	-½		
35.00	M&G Rec Cap	[illegible]			
507.40	M&G Rec Geared	[illegible]	-2	9.7	
34.30	M&G Rec Inc	[illegible]	-½	13.4	
154.90	M&G Rec [illegible]	[illegible]	-1	3.5	
119.20	M&G Rec Zero Dv	[illegible]	-½		
27.10	M Curie Eur	[illegible]	-2	6.4	
56.80	M Curie Pac	[illegible]	-1	0.1	
111.20	Majedie	[illegible]		3.1	
5.52	[illegible]	[illegible]			
297.00	Merchants	[illegible]	-1½	5.2	
500.20	Mercury Euro Pv	[illegible]	-1½	2.0	
28.30	Mercury Eur Wt	[illegible]			
400.40	Mercury [illegible]	[illegible]	-½	0.9	
15.30	Mercury [illegible] Wts	[illegible]	-½		
494.60	Monks Inv Tst	[illegible]		1.7	
53.00	Morg Gren Inc	[illegible]	+1	4.1	
2.62	Morg Wts	[illegible]	-3		
42.96	Morg Lat Amer	67½	-1½		
1.56	Morg Wts	[illegible]	-½		
36.60	Murray Ett	[illegible]	-2	2.2	
1.25	Murray Ett Wts	[illegible]	-1½		
55.60	Murray Emg Eco	65½	-½		
3.44	Murray Em Ec Wt	26½			
18.19	Murray Euro	60½	-½	0.7	
9.75	Murray Eu Wts	12½	-1		
314.20	Murray Incomet	384½	-½	4.1	
447.10	Murray Intl	372	+2	4.3	
11.40	Murray S/C DP	178½	-½		
8.07	Murray S/C Cap	143			
5.08	Murray S/C Inct	78		17.7	
7.80	Murray S/C UST	308½		8.4	
246.50	Murray Small	438		1.3	
91.40	Murray Vent	370		4.1	
4.71	Newmarket	13			
23.80	[illegible] Inc	59	-1	10.2	
17.90	[illegible] Cap	72	-1		
134.10	O'seas Inv Tst	352	-2	1.3	
3.16	O'seas Wts	178	-2		
121.70	Pacific Assets	132	-2½	0.3	
29.10	Perpetual Jap	79½	+2		
14.80	Perpt UK Sm Co	285		1.9	
20.80	Personal Assets	£103		3.5	
41.20	[illegible] Inv	111	-1	2.0	
74.50	Prolific Inc	105½	+1½	3.5	
350.90	RIT Cap Ptn	194		1.0	
12.40	River Merc Am Cap	33			
7.85	River Merc Am Inct	102	-½	9.6	
0.68	River Merc Am Wts	9			
63.80	River Merc Cap	133			
34.20	River Merc Ex Inc	92		10.6	
9.88	River Merc Ex Incwt	11			
11.50	River Merc Gsl Inc	82	+1	11.5	
9.62	River Merc Gsl Prf	27½			
21.90	River Merc Tst Inct	169		10.6	
34.80	River Merc Sm Co	138	+4	3.8	
1.70	River Merc Sm Wt	35	+2		
	Robeco	437	-16	3.2	
	Rolinco	469	-12	1.6	
91.80	Schrod Inc Gwth	115			
184.40	Schrod Jap Gwth	83½	+½		
54.20	Schrod Korea	821½	+14½		
3.61	Schrod [illegible]	293	-1	0.3	
7.64	Schrod Split Cap	27	-1		
58.90	Schrod Split Inct	104		9.0	
47.40	Schrod Split Zero	125½	+½		
132.20	Schrod UK Gwth	112	+2	2.7	
663.00	Scot	241	+1½	2.7	
374.50	Scot American	167½	-½	3.7	
58.80	Scot Asian	289	-5½		
5.21	Scot Wts	745	-5		
579.70	Scot Eastern	91½	+1½	2.2	
665.50	Scot Mige	245½	+2	2.2	
150.10	Scot Nat Tst	94		10.1	
56.30	Scot Value	112	+½	2.2	
349.80	Second Alliance	1822	+13	3.2	
286.70	Secs Tst of Scot	89½	+1	4.7	
41.50	Selective Asset	145	-2	1.4	
37.20	SHIRES	140		5.1	
55.80	Sphere Inv	46	-½	14.9	
122.10	St Andrew Inv	355	+2	2.9	
216.70	Temple Bar	381		4.5	
125.50	Tmpltn Asn E	185	+1	0.6	
2.03	Tmpltn Dual Ca	58			
251.40	Throgmorton	82½	-½	3.5	
512.70	Tmpltn Emg Mkt	127½	-½	0.7	
343.00	TR City Of Lon	166½	-½	4.0	
110.90	TR Euro Growth	194½	+1½	1.1	
76.80	TR Far East	167½	-3½	4.6	
148.20	TR Pacific	109½	-½	0.2	
137.70	TR Property	29½		4.0	
367.10	TR Smlr Cos	206	+1	2.4	
66.90	TR Tech Inv	184	-1	1.9	
19.60	Turkey Trust	188	-1	1.3	
69.70	USDC Invest	245	+1	2.3	
88.50	Undervalued Ast	115	-1	1.9	
57.60	Value Inc Tst	128½	+½	4.1	
8.08	Voyageur Ex Sm	89	-1	0.8	
27.20	Warrants & Val	34	-½		
12.40	Wigmore	61	+1	1.5	
957.00	Witan	255	-1	3.1	
20.40	Yeoman Inc	83		20.6	

LEISURE & HOTELS

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3.84	[illegible]	32	+2		
434.30	Airtours	381	+6	4.6	8.3
25.50	Ald Leis	37	+1		
186.00	Alpha Airpts	111	+2	5.4	10.9
53.10	Arcadian	48		2.1	
8.87	BS Group	143		2.1	19.4
29.80	Baldwin	156	+2	3.5	12.5
32.80	Barr & Wallt	230		6.2	11.6
110.90	Bluebird Toys	240	+5	4.3	7.8
87.20	Boosey Hwks	445	+17	1.7	24.3
6.44	Brent Walker	1¾	-¼		
7.31	Castell Plc	7¾		8.5	
	Chrysalis	302			
177.80	City Centre Restt	92	-4	2.7	17.8
1,308.50	Compass Gp	423	-11	2.1	22.8
83.50	Eurocamp	244		5.5	11.5
1,553.00	Euro Disney	303	+4		
20.60	Euro Leisure	155	+12		
12.60	Fairline Boats	350		5.9	14.5
139.40	First Choice	88		5.5	15.4
528.40	First Leisure	323	-3	2.8	19.2
2,358.00	Forte	249	-10	3.8	28.0
29.90	Friendly Hotels	150	-5	4.6	17.3
3,738.40	Granada	635	-7	2.1	17.2
36.90	[illegible]	144	-1	0.7	19.9
14.30	Hi-Tec Sports	28	-1	5.2	
12.40	Hornby	149	-9	4.2	12.6
90.10	Jarvis Hotel	212½	-4½	3.4	19.4
52.30	Kunick	22½	-½	4.2	24.5
284.60	London Clubs	402	-7	4.1	13.5
1,970.50	Ladbroke	169	+1½	4.4	51.3
2.39	[illegible]	42	-1	0.3	
125.20	[illegible]	206	+7	2.5	17.3
437.70	Mandarin Orntl	62½	+2½	5.6	13.9
34.00	My Kinda Town	13½		2.8	
42.90	[illegible]	89	+3	5.7	
75.40	Pelican Gp	104	+3	1.8	21.6
106.00	PizzaExpress	190	-2½	1.4	
11.80	Prism Leisure	139		4.3	13.5
36.70	Queens Moat	9½	+½		
22.80	[illegible]	259	-1	2.2	32.4
3,551.80	Rank Org	425	-14	4.0	14.4
22.30	[illegible]	33		4.7	12.1
253.10	Savoy Hotel 'A'	825		1.0	46.7
391.80	Stakis	81½	-2½	5.5	18.1
303.70	Stanley Leisure	375	+4	2.0	17.7
1,257.30	[illegible]	346		2.9	
6,333.50	Thorn EMI	1474	+6	3.1	25.0
25.60	Tottenham Hot	180	+1	2.4	
15.60	[illegible]	78		4.2	11.5
91.40	VCI	235	+4	2.3	18.5
116.20	Vardon	133		1.4	19.8
135.20	Wembley	389	+1		
8.16	Zetters Gp	124		10.1	

MEDIA

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
149.00	Abbott Mead	461	-2	2.2	27.1
46.50	Adscene	274	-1	3.6	15.2
302.90	Aegis Gp	36½	-½		14.7
5.16	Allied Radio	3¼			
0.93	BBB Design	10			
43.30	Barbour Index	256	+28	4.4	31.8
7.81	[illegible]	8	-½		
5.25	Black (A&C)	329	-5	5.2	11.9
215.10	Blenheim Gp	230	-2	3.6	14.2
20.90	Border TV	286		2.0	19.2
35.10	[illegible]	238		4.7	22.4
6,561.30	BSkyB	382	+8	0.6	43.6
58.00	CIA Gp	135½	+1	1.8	26.7
36.20	Caledonian Med	24	-1		
342.40	Capital Radio	489			
2,390.80	Carlton Comm	1035	+13	2.6	16.0
7.13	City of Lon	91	+6	6.9	11.9
235.30	Cordiant	197½	-3½		
84.20	Daily Mail	1284½		1.6	17.8
1,108.80	Daily Mail 'A'	1197½	-6½	1.8	16.3
332.80	Dorling Kind	485	+17	1.8	
1,073.20	EMAP	822	-1	2.3	23.8
5,474.50	Elsevier	835	+12	2.6	21.2
304.30	Euromoney Pb	1305	+2	2.8	19.8
8.72	Fitch	24½			16.1
493.10	Flextech	445	+12		
94.40	GWR Gp	335	+6	1.2	27.9
59.00	[illegible]	281	+1½	3.9	17.9
8.08	[illegible]	30	+5	0.3	
86.80	Grampian	286	-3	2.7	18.9
206.70	HTV Group	289	+2	1.4	25.1
41.00	Haynes Publ	382		4.5	18.0
8.88	Highbury Ho	35	+2½		
81.90	Hodder Hdine	234	-169	3.2	14.4
13.90	Home Countes	130	+1½	4.9	15.9
4.64	Incepta	7		10.2	3.2
480.10	Independent	303	-15	3.8	18.3
129.60	[illegible]	393	-6	3.0	14.3
4.78	Intereurope	104		9.4	28.0
212.30	Johnston Press	150	-2	3.6	18.1
12.20	Lopex	33		8.7	22.1
261.60	MAI	249	+20		
60.40	Metal Bulletin	810		2.6	25.7
168.20	Midland Indp	122	-1½	3.5	12.8
708.70	Mirror Gp	170	+1	2.7	11.0
153.70	[illegible]	373	-3	3.6	15.4
6,777.50	News Corp	351	-8	0.4	10.4
2,203.10	News Intl	319	-8	1.3	12.6
5.92	Osprey Comms	22	+1		
3,288.50	Pearson	599	-23	3.3	17.2
73.10	[illegible]	158	-12		9.0
65.60	Portsmth Sund	548	+3	2.7	12.7
48.80	Quarto	270		2.8	13.5
6,385.80	Reed Intl	955	-21	2.9	24.7
9,357.70	Reuters	558	-4	1.8	21.8
67.20	Scott Radio	291	-13	2.4	28.9
385.70	Scot TV	587	+4	3.9	23.4
30.80	SelecTV	21½	-2		
46.90	Shandwick	34½		4.7	8.8
13.50	[illegible]	45	+1		24.1
38.60	Smallbone	248	-1	2.3	17.7
12.18	Sterling Pub	28		17.5	2.5
6.15	Sunset & Vine	185	-6	4.7	8.8
97.80	Taylor Nelson	44½	+½	1.9	22.6
593.20	Telegraph	408	-12	4.8	17.5
4,768.60	Thomson Corp	815		4.8	17.2
236.70	Trinity Intl	344	-3½	3.9	13.2
95.90	Ulster TV	913	+16	2.1	17.7
1,276.80	United News	520½	-16½	5.6	13.5
3.65	VTR	67	-1	6.0	6.1
1,098.30	WPP	149	-4	1.8	26.5
302.60	Yorkshire TV	985		1.6	60.2

MINING

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1,130.50	Ang Am Coal	4497½	-125	2.5	17.1
8,173.90	Ang Am	3505½	+25	2.3	21.5
1,382.40	Ang Am Gold	5035½	-77½	4.3	14.6
23.20	Anglo Pac Res	30			
1,086.70	Ashanti	1280½	+12½	1.2	16.5
229.30	Ashton	82	-5	6.4	
52.20	[illegible]	202	+33		
556.60	[illegible]	380½	+15	3.6	
3.36	Bisichi	30		2.8	
22.70	Blyvoors	94½	-½		
124.30	Bougainville	31	+1		
1.85	Bracken	13½		6.5	
41.30	Buffels	378½	+3½		
5.33	Butte	2¼			
5,815.80	CRA	902	-1	2.9	23.1
62.20	Consol Pacific	82	+2		
36.60	[illegible]	48	+½		
	Coal Inv	86	-10		
8.42	Cons Murchison	135	-8	4.5	3.7
6,558.50	De Beers	1725	-31½	3.0	19.5
63.60	Deelkraal	63½	+3½	1.4	
18.10	Doornfontein	45½	+5		
1,772.30	Driefontein	868½	+2½	4.6	21.8
12.30	Durban	829½	+24½		
85.70	E Rand Gold	185½	+4	11.2	8.9
52.40	E Rand Prop	38½	-4		
55.30	Eastern Trans	84		2.3	48.3
380.00	Elandsrand	371½	+15½	2.6	13.0
1,111.10	Eng China Cly	363	-7½	3.6	17.6
873.80	FS Cons	734½	+3	6.4	15.7
7.78	FS Dev	35		2.2	
1,658.60	GFSA	1712½	-29½	3.5	
534.70	GM Kalgoorli	56	-2	2.6	
3,242.00	Gencor	233½	-½	1.5	
14.90	Gold Fields Prop	145		7.1	8.7
19.50	Greenwich R 'A'	16½	-1		
16.90	Grootvlei	165½	-4	5.2	8.8
60.70	[illegible]	97½	+½	8.0	11.8
161.80	Harmony	608¼	-7½	1.2	
287.90	Hartebst	185½	-18½	10.7	10.4
988.90	Impala Plat	1582½	-29½	1.9	23.5
115.00	Kinross	92	+2	13.1	8.3
125.10	[illegible]	693½	-6½	6.2	10.7
596.10	Kloof	718½	+26½	4.8	21.9
12.50	Leslie	80½	-2	12.8	4.9
34.10	Lorraine	288½	-13		
11.20	[illegible]	13			
1,433.20	MIM	90	-2	2.6	
3,630.30	Minorco	1700	-25	2.4	21.9
44.80	Monarch	83	-5		
6.85	[illegible]	165		3.6	8.1
68.40	NSM	59		5.1	8.9
1,205.10	Nth Bkn Hill	180	-1	2.9	26.4
84.40	[illegible]	38	-1		
228.70	Pancontinental	103	+1		
38.50	Petaling Tin	180	+5	1.1	
617.40	Placer Pac	131	-6		
842.30	RJB	482	+21	3.3	13.8
9,560.40	RTZ	927	+20	3.3	13.3
8.21	[illegible]	51	+3	2.5	12.8
424.90	Rand Mines	712½		2.4	
253.50	Randfontein	414½	-4½	8.3	
509.10	Renison	263	+19	1.9	
1,751.50	Rustenburg	1395½	+12½	2.7	
88.10	St Barbara	42		3.4	18.5
59.90	St Helena	529½	-12½	10.1	
224.50	Sons Gwalia	315	-3	3.8	
69.50	[illegible]	25	+2		
437.40	Southvaal	1691½	-69½	4.5	22.3
7.22	Stilfontein	55½	-8		1.7
54.20	Unisel	159½	-4	5.8	
797.10	Vaal Reefs	4168½	-69½	3.8	9.3
17.28	Wankie Col Z	17		7.3	4.0
12.50	[illegible]	17½			
181.40	Watts Blake	485		3.6	16.1
617.20	Western Deep	2226½	-12½	2.7	11.7
4,141.10	Western Mng	411	-½	1.4	42.3
68.30	Winkelhaak	595½	+16½	6.5	
3.28	Zambia Copper	32			
43.80	Zandpan	33	-2	9.6	10.4

OIL & GAS

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
51.60	Abbot Group	51	+1		
171.30	Aran Energy	65½			
16.80	Arcon Intl	23			
	Ass Oil & Gas	59	+1½		
14.29	[illegible]	45	-1		
127.20	Br Borneo	382	+4	3.3	13.2
11,616.30	British Gas	355½	+1	7.8	28.4
26,376.60	Br Petroleum	475	-10	3.3	14.0
16.90	Bula Resources	2½			
1,863.60	Burmah Castrol	977	+8	4.8	15.6
90.00	Cairn Energy	182			
448.20	Calor Gp	286	-3	6.0	14.4
212.53	Clyde Pet	52	+4	2.5	10.9
18.30	Coplex Res	11	-½		
28.90	Dragon Oil	1½			
6.44	Edin Oil & Gs	19½			10.4
1,764.90	Enterprise	350	+3	5.6	20.3
57.90	[illegible]	238		3.3	18.7
85.90	Fortune	8			59.0
35.30	Goal Pet	71	-2½	2.6	18.8
20.40	Gt Western Res	18			
196.60	Hardy O & G	174		0.7	
1,601.90	LASMO	185	-11	0.8	
3.05	Lasmo Unts	43		26.4	
403.80	Monument	60½	-2		36.4
9.33	New London	8½	+½		
8,246.70	Norsk Hydro	2728½	-50	1.6	15.1
13.70	[illegible]	31			
171.40	Oil Search	56	+1		
	Petrol	33½	-½		
281.80	Premier	37½	+1½		16.9
2.60	[illegible]	11			
37.40	[illegible]	65		1.0	
64.80	[illegible]	336	+18	8.4	60.5
369.20	Ranger	325	-5	2.4	
42,527.00	Royal Dtch Fl	7934¾	+62½	4.5	14.9
10,073.20	Schlumberger	4137½	-78½	2.3	
3.93	Scot Petrol	33	-1	3.4	6.7
45.70	Seafield	89	-1		46.6
24,863.60	Shell	744	-11	4.8	16.6
8,561.70	Total	3784½	+181½	4.1	13.8
16.40	[illegible] Gp	14	-½		
2,026.70	Woodside	304	-1	1.3	
77.40	XCL	41			

OTHER FINANCIAL

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
19.10	[illegible]	98		5.3	16.1
45.50	Baltic Plc	150½	-2½	2.7	8.1
3.25	Berry Bch Nts	50		6.5	14.2
129.50	Bisbec Inv	218	-1		
31.20	Brewin Dolphin	182	+1	5.9	15.0
595.60	Caledonia	679	+38	3.1	20.5
52.50	[illegible]	2180	-180	2.2	18.3
26.60	[illegible]	95½	-½	3.7	17.6
261.80	Cattles	192½	+6	5.9	17.0
5.41	[illegible]	33			
7.36	EFG	77	+2	3.7	9.9
41.00	[illegible]	82	-½	2.8	14.3
138.30	[illegible]	123	+5	4.2	16.9
178.20	Exco	143	+3	5.2	7.3
180.70	First Nat Fin	111		1.7	10.8
828.00	Gartmore	282½	+4½	2.8	22.8
101.10	Govett	272	-10	6.7	4.5
249.60	Henderson Adr	1190	-6	4.9	18.5
681.20	[illegible]	221	+6	2.8	19.4
12.19	Investment Co	44	-2	6.4	
83.50	Ivory Sime	229	+3	4.1	17.9
1,768.00	Jardine Strat	185½	-6½	4.9	8.2
19.40	Johnson Fry	128	-5	3.9	8.0
197.90	Lon Forfaiting	195	-1½	6.1	13.9
98.80	Lon Scot Bk	181		3.4	10.8
418.50	Man ED & F	182	-2	7.4	7.5
840.40	M & G	1180	-1	3.4	18.7
1,862.10	[illegible]	825½	+10½	3.4	
	[illegible] 5.5% Cv Pf	129½	+4	5.3	
1,640.70	MAM	886	+5	3.6	19.9
88.92	Nat Home Loan	39	+2		3.4
407.50	Perpetual	1663	+78	2.7	18.2
1,829.90	Provident	707	+7	4.1	16.7
78.70	Rathbone Bro	392	+½	3.7	10.7
94.20	Rutland Tst	54	+2½	4.8	15.4
38.10	S & U	935	-23	5.1	9.4
302.00	[illegible] Captl	112		3.3	
377.20	Smith New Crt	558		2.5	20.6
9.55	[illegible]	62	-1	5.1	
9.10	[illegible]	91		1.1	16.1
3.45	[illegible]	33		1.4	

PHARMACEUTICALS

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
418.70	Brit Biotech	865	+38		
28.20	Cantab Pharm	438	+13		
308.60	Celltech	434	+1		
202.00	Chiroscience	207	+82		
117.60	Cortecs	105			
1,779.30	Fisons	257½	+2½	2.3	
35,614.30	Glaxo Wellcome	787	+28½	4.9	17.9
100.10	[illegible]	144	+3	5.0	12.4
787.90	Medeva	262		1.7	18.9
472.50	Scotia	696	+58		
5,928.00	SmithKline	649	+16½	2.6	19.0
8,239.50	SmithKln Unt	629	+28	2.8	18.7
10,831.70	Zeneca	1145	+28	3.1	23.3

PRINTING & PAPER

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
25.40	[illegible]	141		4.9	13.6
108.40	[illegible]	504	+6	2.5	21.9
2,214.70	Arjo Wiggins	246	-3	3.8	11.1
31.50	Aspen Comm	225	-2	3.2	16.8
130.09	Bemrose	405	-6	4.2	12.9
1,978.50	Bowater Inct	284½	-8½		
134.10	[illegible]	282	-6	1.5	20.0
254.80	Br Polythene	585	+7	2.7	15.5
4.35	[illegible]	27	+1	8.3	8.2
205.30	Britton Grp	149	+11	2.3	15.7
917.60	Bunzl	207	+4	3.1	14.3
49.20	Capital Inds	173	-9	3.7	12.2
2,137.60	[illegible]	2650	+30	2.1	
24.00	Cropper (James)	297	-3	1.5	15.4
2,027.10	De La Rue	909	-37	3.2	16.8
5.76	Delyn Group	67	+6	3.3	10.7
28.00	Dolphin Pack	111	+3	5.4	13.6
32.00	[illegible]	38		4.7	14.4
128.10	Ferguson Intl	317	-16	5.2	12.9
18.80	[illegible]	140		5.4	12.3
102.00	Inveresk	184		3.6	17.3
150.80	Jarvis Porter	280	+6	2.7	15.3
491.80	Low & Bonar	489	+3	3.0	15.0
85.10	MY Holdings	69	-2	8.4	15.3
265.10	Macfarlane	218	+3	1.9	20.6
23.70	Photobition	225			
183.50	Plysu	217		4.8	24.2
2,032.10	[illegible]	404	-11	6.4	13.1
375.60	St Ives Gp	378	-8	2.3	28.4
1,851.90	Sappi	1246	-1½	6.4	
5.57	[illegible]	7½			
115.20	[illegible]	158	+13	8.2	12.2
886.60	Smith (David)	618	-11	2.9	12.3
2,024.00	Smurfit (Jef)	188	-5	2.5	10.9
1.88	[illegible]	84		4.5	7.2
7.25	Unit Group	44	-3		
226.67	Waddington (J)	255	-1	2.7	12.1
265.90	Watmoughs	227	-7	4.8	14.8
	[illegible]	423	-12½	2.5	19.0
55.50	Wyndeham	165	+6	3.0	17.9

PROPERTY

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
40.18	Allied Lon	70½	-½	7.4	
171.80	Argent	333	-3		
11.70	[illegible]	87	-3	2.2	
65.80	[illegible]	320	-1½	2.5	30.8
202.20	[illegible]	230	-5	4.6	18.5
82.30	[illegible]	160		8.5	10.5
9.65	[illegible]	24			
31.70	[illegible]	22		2.3	60.3
250.50	Bradford	182	+2½	4.7	17.1
1,555.60	Br Land	413	+8	2.2	24.8
228.50	Brixton	189	+1		
382.80	[illegible]	122	+2	3.3	32.6
60.90	CLS Hldgs	69		6.4	13.4
73.70	Cap & Regnl	102	+1	1.6	18.0
743.00	Cap Shop Cent	297	-3	4.5	24.5
5.36	Cardiff Prop	153		2.1	27.7
43.50	[illegible]	15½	+1		
268.20	Chelsfield	184	-3	1.8	40.1
91.30	Chesterfield	455		3.5	20.3
38.60	Chesterton Int	70	+3	6.5	
6.84	City Site Ests	42	-1		8.8
12.40	Clarke Nickolls	7½		3.7	10.4
21.00	[illegible]	100		4.2	12.8
27.50	[illegible]	23	-1	3.1	
191.50	Daejan	1175		3.4	11.3
17.19	[illegible]	3½			
21.19	[illegible]	68		8.8	9.2
25.70	[illegible]	128		8.4	18.8
93.80	Derwent Hldgs	391	+3	2.1	15.7
44.10	Development Sec	152		2.8	
19.00	Dwyer	37	-3	3.8	13.4
8.91	[illegible]	38			
21.06	Estates Agency	358		4.8	
3.10	Estates Gen	14½			
152.20	Evans Of Leeds	114		3.1	18.0
23.40	[illegible]	21	-1	2.5	28.8
21.00	[illegible]	57		4.2	17.3
23.58	Five Oaks	23		3.3	9.7
1.74	[illegible]	28		8.2	
6.73	Folkes Group	59		3.4	7.7
14.20	Folkes Grp nv	59	+1	3.4	7.7
241.10	Frogmore	478	-14	2.0	18.0
22.80	Grainger	258	-1	2.9	14.3
556.60	Gt Portland	172		3.4	13.8
192.60	Greycoat	150		0.5	
182.10	[illegible]	31	-2	6.2	
1,066.10	Hammerson	355	+3	3.5	24.3
53.50	Helical Bar	328	-1	2.5	12.8
31.50	Hemingway	25½	+1	2.7	17.8
2.19	[illegible]	7			
1.85	High-Point	38		3.8	
2,897.30	HK Land	107½	-1½	6.8	12.2
16.30	Jermyn	83		1.9	
3,136.50	Land Sec	615	-1	5.1	17.8
46.20	London Indl	280		4.2	14.8
25.50	Lon & Assoc	34½	-½	2.5	18.0
2.62	[illegible]	5½			
238.40	Lon Merch Sec	86		5.5	22.0
1,693.80	MEPC	384	+10	6.3	21.4
3.31	McInerney A	5½			
32.60	McKay Secs	136		4.8	17.7
12.40	[illegible]	73	-1	6.8	
19.70	[illegible]	43		3.3	15.7
32.80	Mountview	1159	-30	3.0	8.5
143.50	Muckiow (A&J)	147	-3	5.6	
6.63	[illegible]	[illegible]			
14.40	Olives Prop	28		1.3	24.2
166.10	PSIT	138	+1	4.9	18.3
232.20	[illegible]	285	+1	2.3	
184.50	Pillar Prop	183	-2	2.3	44.6
2.33	Power Corp	2			
15.10	Popular Land	5½	+½		16.4
18.38	RPS Group	90	+4	4.0	13.9
44.70	Raglan	27		4.8	11.8
22.80	[illegible]	13½	-½		16.6
18.50	[illegible] Secs	148		2.0	11.5
17.60	[illegible]	98	+1½	2.2	8.8
63.47	St Modwen Prp	75		4.2	7.9
58.08	[illegible]	56	+1½	6.5	12.6
19.40	Savills	50	-1	8.2	9.1
97.90	[illegible]	75		4.2	13.1
57.90	[illegible]	119		1.6	26.8
839.60	Slough Estest	215	-1	4.7	26.2
22.10	[illegible]	219		4.9	17.4
47.80	[illegible]	46	-1	6.8	
23.98	[illegible]	105	+4	1.5	15.0
108.80	TBI	49	+3	0.5	35.1
68.10	Tops Est	147		2.0	37.9
125.20	Town Centre	58		3.9	17.5
65.90	Trafford Park	97	-1	4.4	
3.94	UK Land	41		3.8	4.8
14.30	WSP Group	51	-2	5.1	11.4
184.50	Warner	215		6.6	18.2
84.52	Warnford	228		4.4	18.0
139.90	Wates	70	-½		
1.65	Whinney Mck	25			
2.71	Wood John D	33		7.8	8.2
4.84	[illegible]	1			

RETAILERS, FOOD

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3,821.20	ASDA Group	109½	+1½	2.7	17.6
3,050.30	Argyll	338	+7½	4.5	15.4
354.70	Brake Bros	880	-9	1.3	20.7
54.30	Budgens	34	-2	4.8	20.1
4.09	[illegible]	15½		4.8	21.8
933.20	Dairy Farm Int	54½	-2½	6.9	8.0
71.58	[illegible]	306		3.1	15.0
126.20	[illegible]	50		5.7	21.2
301.70	Fyffes	107	-5	1.9	15.3
124.90	Geest	774	-14	5.8	68.0
139.40	Greggs	1223	-2	2.5	15.9
450.90	Iceland Group	175	+7	3.8	10.5
1,852.10	Kwik Save	656	-17	3.7	12.3
15.30	[illegible]	18			
1,157.60	Morrison (W)	152	-1	1.8	15.6
227.00	Nurdin Peacock	185	-3	4.7	18.7
151.30	[illegible]	100	+1	3.6	17.2
2.05	[illegible]	12½			
7,862.50	Sainsbury J	436½	-15½	3.4	14.7
8,497.90	Tesco	313	-2	3.6	14.9
97.10	Thorntons	191		4.1	12.4
289.30	Watson & Philip	485	+7	4.8	17.2

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
31.60	Alexon	55	+1½		
158.50	Allders	127	+3	4.8	10.0
1,500.60	Argos Plc	484	+8	3.0	20.7
277.20	Ashley (Laura)	118	+8		
66.50	Asprey	186	-1	1.4	14.8
60.50	Austin Reed	185	-8	3.8	11.3
53.30	Beattie (J) 'A'	180	+1½	6.2	14.2
67.10	Bentalls	116		2.3	12.5
12.10	[illegible]	54½			
271.60	Body Shop	143	-2	2.1	11.7
5,392.20	Boots	587	-10	3.7	13.2
37.10	Brown & Jackson	30			
373.80	Brown (N)	288		2.3	28.8
1,555.00	Burton	103½	+2½	2.3	28.7
14.80	[illegible]	38		2.3	
282.60	Carpetright	385	-5	3.8	22.8
333.50	[illegible]	294	-3½	1.4	34.7
48.30	Church	442		3.8	16.7
18.70	Clinton Cards	180		6.2	12.4
181.30	[illegible]	114	+1	4.8	
3.12	[illegible]	749	-19	1.1	21.8
334.50	DFS Furniture	185		3.7	8.0
1,584.30	Dixons Grp	321	-3	2.3	24.1
8.65	[illegible]	245	+11	2.9	30.9
10.79	[illegible]	580		3.0	20.9
10.58	[illegible]	[illegible]			
118.30	Etam	81		6.9	18.1
262.60	Fine Art Dev	180	-2	5.3	14.7
3.71	[illegible]	451	-5	4.5	12.8
24.00	Flying Flowers	349	+4	2.0	17.1
33.50	French Conn	132	-5	1.5	17.1
223.50	[illegible] Group	238	-4	3.4	19.7
74.80	[illegible]	65	+1	3.9	14.5
28.40	Goldsmiths Gp	177½		2.4	16.0
5,695.80	GUS	586	-18	3.2	16.9
65.40	Hamleys	287	-3	3.4	12.7
8.75	[illegible] Gp	85	-5	2.6	12.6
389.70	House of Fraser	161	+4½	4.3	28.5
13.40	[illegible]	65		3.1	12.8
22.30	[illegible]	108		1.2	
116.50	JJB Sports	335	+27	1.9	30.5
2,371.80	Kingfisher	597	+10½	4.3	18.8
29.60	[illegible] Grp	125	+1	2.4	17.5
77.20	Liberty	343	-20½	2.6	22.9
326.50	Lloyds Chem	244		5.0	7.9
766.60	MFI	130	+5	3.7	17.7
12,172.70	Marks Spencer	432½	+1½	3.6	18.3
328.80	Menzies (John)	603		2.2	12.4
86.70	Moss Bros	563	+8	2.7	18.9
1,520.10	Next	408	+7	3.1	22.2
2.35	OEM	38			
13.80	Oliver (G)	87½	-2½	2.0	18.6
171.10	[illegible]	320	+2	4.4	12.8
14.30	Partridge Fine	83	+1	3.0	77.8
34.40	QS Hldgs	87		7.5	18.2
19.99	[illegible] Gp	12			
34.60	[illegible]	155	+3	4.0	17.8
1,672.00	Sears	110	-1	4.5	17.3
41.80	Signet Group	14			
1,032.10	Smith WH	392	+1	5.5	12.8
265.20	Sotheby's	670	-6	2.1	41.6
1,248.60	Storehouse	338	-1	2.8	20.8
19.80	[illegible]	108	-2	4.4	7.5
128.90	T & S Stores	193	-1	4.4	12.2
78.80	Ty Rack	182	+5	1.8	16.1
14.75	Upton & Sou	2¾			
3,667.70	Vendome	578	-1	2.9	
23.30	WEW Group	18	-2	5.5	10.7
4.94	Wd of Leather	48	-4	4.8	47.5
88.08	[illegible]	177	-8½	3.6	15.8

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
5,572.80	Allied Domecq	559	+23	5.5	12.7
269.70	Bulmer (HP)	495½	+3½	3.0	18.8
80.80	Burn Stewart	138	+4	4.6	29.8
9,360.50	Grand Met	445	+8½	4.8	26.5
18,479.10	Guinness	518	+2½	4.4	13.9
531.60	Highland Dist	408	-2	2.3	13.0
250.10	Macallan-Glen	381	-2	1.8	47.1
82.72	Macdonald Mart 'A'	640	+3	2.7	28.4
278.80	Matthew Clark	687	+21	4.3	
15.20	Merrydown W	139	+2	1.9	
247.80	Taunton Cider	229½	+7½	3.9	22.0

SUPPORT SERVICES

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1,201.10	ADT	695	-5		
10.00	Alphameric	24	-2	1.3	18.0
58.80	[illegible]	42½	+1½		33.0
1,282.80	BET Ord	133	-5	3.8	16.1
28.50	[illegible]	137	-5	5.0	12.0
77.10	BPP	288	+5	4.4	16.7
45.50	BSM	188	-8	5.1	12.2
23.10	[illegible]	4½	-½		
284.00	[illegible]	1000	-87½		
31.80	Brit Data Mgt	127	+5	5.8	
10.10	Brooks Service	84	+8	3.6	18.3
78.00	[illegible] Grp	117	+8	4.0	18.6
132.60	Capita Group	242	+5	1.8	22.4
582.70	Chubb Sec	330	-5	2.8	17.5
75.60	Corp Services	88	+2	4.3	15.0
23.50	[illegible]	55		3.9	
256.70	Davis Service	246	-5	4.4	14.6
90.40	Delphi	358		1.2	48.9
12.00	Dudley Jenkins	192	+1	4.2	19.5
3.64	[illegible]	31	+1	12.6	4.8
36.70	[illegible]	140	-3	1.3	14.5
1,405.20	Hays	345	+3	2.6	
188.00	Hogg Robinson	214	-3	4.4	13.6
438.90	ISS B DKK	167½	-88½	1.5	15.1
65.60	JBA Hldgs	251	+25	1.8	26.3
128.20	Johnson Cleanrs	255		3.3	14.4
16.80	Kalamazoo	86	-3	5.5	7.3
39.90	Kewill Syst	322		2.5	11.5
6.85	[illegible]	23	-1		
82.30	[illegible]	384	+38		
383.40	Logica	497	+3½	1.8	
77.60	[illegible]	77			
22.30	MMT Comp	193	-7	3.6	13.6
30.80	[illegible]	71	-3	9.7	8.8
69.90	Macro 4	[illegible]		6.3	11.0
1,286.90	[illegible]	1062½	-58½	1.4	
108.70	Micro Focus	720	-49		
68.20	Microgen	173	-5	3.3	14.9
479.90	[illegible]	524	-17	2.0	18.3
68.00	[illegible]	275	+11	1.4	22.8
17.40	[illegible] Group	32	-1	3.5	10.3
4.89	OIS Intl	16		2.4	
13.40	[illegible]	26		2.5	14.3
103.00	P & P	138		2.6	18.8
105.40	Michael Page	172	+7	2.4	18.1
65.40	Parity	156	+7	1.6	18.1
12.30	Pegasus	158	-2	3.2	14.1
4.25	Penna	78		1.6	
28.50	[illegible]	36	-2	6.9	
21.80	RCO	204	-1	9.6	8.1
15.40	[illegible]	58		2.4	18.4
12.80	Real Time	130	+4	3.7	8.0
55.00	[illegible]	107½		2.3	12.2
13.90	Reliance Secr	193	+3	3.6	18.3
3,152.90	Rentokil	236	+4	1.4	28.4
87.50	Ricardo Group	192	-3	4.9	19.8
85.70	[illegible]	288	+4	1.7	48.7
302.80	Sage Gp	1416	+70	1.0	28.8
770.80	Securicor 'A'	997	-7	4.0	18.6
46.20	[illegible]	150	+4	3.3	16.5
115.60	Select App	18½			
348.50	Serco Gp	475	+9	1.2	22.8
217.70	[illegible]	363	-3	1.4	30.8
12.80	[illegible]	176	+12	1.6	
30.40	[illegible]	125		3.4	17.4
5.48	[illegible]	17½			
46.30	Stat-Plus	214	-½	5.8	18.7
88.20	Unipalm	428	-17		
19.10	Vistec	15½	+1½	3.2	61.8
66.90	[illegible]	288	+2	3.5	19.0

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
24,986.30	BT	386	-6	5.6	14.6
9,211.50	Cable & Wireless	417	-3	2.7	18.6
529.30	General Cable	208½	+7		
1,223.80	NYNEX Cable	147	+5		
71.60	[illegible]	1725	-8	0.8	87.6
685.90	Securicor 'A'	1090		0.8	29.9
1,107.10	[illegible]	1010	+10	0.8	28.1
1,054.00	Telewest	195	+10½		
8,105.70	Vodafone	269½	-3½	1.8	34.8

TEXTILES & APPAREL

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1.94	[illegible]	61		5.9	3.7
55.30	[illegible]	186		4.5	18.6
138.50	Allied Textl	223	-10	3.8	13.1
3.89	[illegible]	108		9.3	28.1
1.51	[illegible]	28			4.8
265.10	Baird (Wm)	232	+1	8.1	10.2
4.80	Beckman (A)	89	+2	8.1	
150.20	Black (Peter)	285	+2	2.2	
12.60	[illegible]	135	-1		15.9
24.50	Br Mohair	184½	-½	8.2	11.4
2.76	[illegible]	28½	-2		
3.65	[illegible]	70		5.4	18.8
69.30	[illegible]	156		3.4	
174.90	[illegible]	316	-10	3.7	16.3
1,401.30	Coats Viyella	209½	-2½	5.6	12.1
459.30	Courtaulds Text	336	+7	4.3	13.1
15.00	[illegible]	124	+5	6.0	8.9
230.50	Dewhirst	172	+1	3.0	16.4
348.80	[illegible]	109½	-1	2.8	11.8
4.16	[illegible]	48		8.5	15.5
7.60	[illegible]	23		8.4	10.5
3.51	[illegible]	13	-2		
4.80	[illegible]	41		14.9	8.6
72.10	FII	468		4.0	11.1
45.98	Forminster	150		2.8	11.6
7.89	Foster (John)	77			
8.85	French	58	-1	6.0	18.3
33.70	Gent SR	93		3.4	
28.70	Haggart	186	+4	3.5	
43.70	Halstead	13¼		3.9	41.9
54.60	[illegible]	7½	+1	14.4	7.0
52.20	[illegible]	254	-1	2.7	16.8
28.80	Hollas	21½	-1½	3.5	
3.91	Honeysuckle	43		8.7	5.0
31.50	[illegible]	32	-8		7.4
17.40	[illegible]	103	-15	4.6	8.4
6.60	Jerome (S)	75		2.9	7.4
76.10	Jones Stroud	140		2.8	16.3
18.50	Lambert	141	+1	6.4	10.7
70.70	[illegible]	235	-40	6.9	9.1
78.40	[illegible]	285	-28	3.8	13.7
19.50	Leslie Wm Grp	56	+1	8.5	9.2
4.75	Lyles (S)	65		4.7	7.4
51.60	[illegible]	28½		2.8	14.9
1.31	PEX	6½			
17.80	[illegible]	203	-3	3.4	8.7
440.80	[illegible]	122	-3½	3.3	17.6
3.17	[illegible]	1½			
141.30	Readicut	72	-2	8.0	15.4
11.20	[illegible]	21½	+½	5.9	7.5
11.70	Richards	50		6.0	18.7
3.19	SEET	12			
134.80	Sherwood Gp	128	+1	3.3	14.3
6.52	Shiloh	39	+2	4.5	7.2
91.70	[illegible]	99		7.4	
41.50	[illegible]	46	-1	6.9	10.5
28.00	[illegible]	77		3.8	18.9
13.70	[illegible]	32		2.8	41.3
11.80	[illegible]	173			
8.12	[illegible]	187	-2	8.4	11.6
30.70	[illegible]	304	-7½	3.9	13.8

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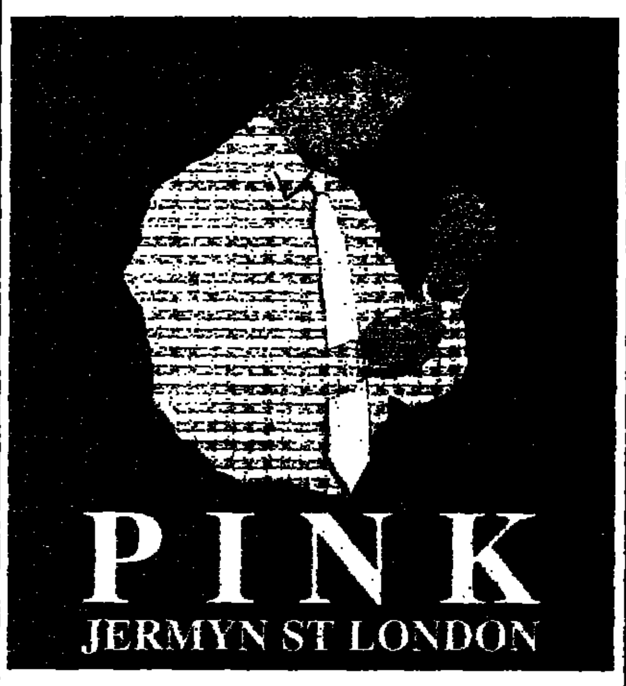
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WATER

1995 High Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1,527.80	Anglian	589	+18	6.7	8.7
61.80	Mid Kent Hldgs	639	-3	4.4	9.7
2,280.20	North West	592	+24	5.4	8.3
692.60	Northumbrian	905	+19	4.5	8.6
2,208.60	Severn Trent	627	+18	5.6	7.1
134.50	South Staffs	2290	+5	3.7	10.3
662.80	South West	514	+16	6.6	7.2
1,180.10	Southern	542	-12	[illegible]	[illegible]
2,146.70	Thames	565	-4	[illegible]	[illegible]
657.90	Welsh	777	+5	[illegible]	[illegible]
136.30	[illegible]	103½	-1	[illegible]	[illegible]
738.30	Wessex	540	+19	[illegible]	[illegible]
1,286.00	Yorkshire	625	+28	[illegible]	[illegible]

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
240	Treas [illegible] 1995	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.67	8.51
[illegible]	Treas 14% 1996	[illegible]	[illegible]	13.71	6.42
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	[illegible]	[illegible]	14.53	6.52
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.75	6.56
1,400	Conv 10% 1996	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.66	6.52
1,988	Treas 7% 1997	[illegible]	[illegible]	5.98	5.76
1,250	Treas 13¼% 1997	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.22	6.53
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.01	6.82
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.47	6.82
230	Exch 15% 1997	[illegible]	[illegible]	13.01	6.91
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.27	6.99
8,150	Treas 7¼% 1998	[illegible]		7.23	7.10
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.82	7.19
970	Treas 14% 1996-98	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.36	7.21
775	Treas 15½% 1998	[illegible]	[illegible]	12.72	8.91
2,909	Exch 12% 1998	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.65	7.32
1,905	Treas 9½% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.95	7.32
2,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.69	7.42
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.59	7.43
6,600	Treas 6% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.31	7.46
1,750	Conv 10¼% 1999	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.33	7.54

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
5,350	Conv 9% 2000	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.55	7.54
4,000	Treas 8% 2000	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.87	7.58
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.75	7.63
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.13	7.79
7,500	Treas 7% 2001	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.31	7.86
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.92	7.96
9,350	Treas 8% 2003	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.01	7.99
2,500	Treas 10% 2003	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.99	8.03
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.95	7.90
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	[illegible]	[illegible]	4.47	6.30
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.75	8.13
6,500	Treas 6¾% 2004	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.41	8.14
6,900	Treas 8½% 2005	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.29	8.12
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.74	8.16
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.97	8.14
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.01	8.11
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.09	8.17
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	[illegible]	[illegible]	9.82	8.18
7,397	Treas 8½% 2007	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.32	8.20
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	[illegible]	[illegible]	10.21	8.15
5,627	Treas 9% 2008	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.49	8.22
3,450	Treas 8% 2009	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.14	8.25

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
4,750	Treas 6¼% 2010	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.57	8.30
5,253	Conv 9% 2011	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.47	8.29
5,360	Treas 9% 2012	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.46	8.29
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	[illegible]	[illegible]	7.09	7.86
6,150	Treas 8% 2013	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.23	8.30
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.15	8.31
7,550	Treas 8¾% 2017	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.38	8.32
1,200	Exch 12% 2013-17	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.99	8.30

UNDATED

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.28	
475	Treas 2½%	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.22	
359	Consols 4%	[illegible]	[illegible]	8.47	

INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of:

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	10%	5%
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.43	3.09
300	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.08	3.17
1,700	Treas IL 2½% 2001	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.05	3.54
1,900	Treas IL 2½% 2003	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.22	3.59
1,000	Treas IL 4⅝% 2004	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.25	3.59
1,850	Treas IL 2% 2006	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.33	3.60
1,900	Treas IL 2½% 2009	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.43	3.66
2,200	Treas IL 2½% 2011	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.47	3.67
2,750	Treas IL 2½% 2013	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.51	3.68
2,960	Treas IL 2½% 2016	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.55	3.67
2,909	Treas IL 2½% 2020	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.59	3.74
2,550	Treas IL 2½% 2024	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.80	3.73
1,300	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.80	3.74

TODAY'S FIGURES AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Ash & Lacy, Brightstone, British Dredging, Chiroscience Group, Greenacre, Moss Bros, Oasis Stores, Stylo. **Finals:** Anglesey Mining, Betacom, DCS Group, Groupe Chez Gerard, Melrose Energy, Ricardo Group. **Economic statistics:** M0 figures (September — provisional).

TOMORROW

Interims: Arcadian International, Biocompatibles International, Bloomsbury Publishing, Ibstock, Middlesex Holdings, QS Holdings, Second Market Investment Trust, Silentnight Holdings. **Finals:** James Halstead, Manchester United. **Economic statistics:** Balance of UK visible trade (July), UK official reserves (September), energy statistics (August), full monetary statistics, including bank and building society balance sheets, final M4 and lending, personal borrowing, public sector funding, sterling commercial paper and medium-term note issues (August).

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Abtrust European Index, Austin Reed, Bank of Scotland, Blenheim Group, Global Group, Grampian Holdings, Hewden Stuart, Hunting, International Investment Trust of Jersey, Neill Clerk, North Atlantic Smaller, Prospect Japan Fund, Rea Holdings, United Industries. **Finals:** Burn Stewart Distillers, Magnum Power, Usborne. **Economic statistics:** Overseas travel and tourism (July).

THURSDAY

Interims: Barry Wehmiller, Brunel Holdings, Densitron International, Hopkinsons Group, TJ Hughes, Meggitt, Schroder Split Fund, Wensum Clothing. **Finals:** Brunel Holdings, Galliford, Robert McBride. **Economic statistics:** *Employment Gazette* — employment, unemployment, earnings, prices and other indicators, housing starts and completions (August), house renovations (2nd quarter).

FRIDAY

Interims: BMSS, Chepstow Racecourse, Horace Clarkson, Eurotunnel, Martin International, HC Slingsby. **Finals:** Waterman Partnership. **Economic statistics:** Cyclical UK economy indicators (August), *index of production* (August), UK economic accounts (2nd quarter).

COMPANIES  MICHAEL CLARK

Still no light at end of Eurotunnel



Sir Alastair cannot escape Eurotunnel's debts, which are costing £2 million a day in interest

EUROTUNNEL: The group's talent for shocking the market is likely to be suppressed when half-year figures are unveiled on Friday. This is simply because, short of launching another sizeable fundraising exercise, most of the bad news is already known.

Last month, Sir Alastair Morton, co-chairman of the tunnel operator, put paid to weeks of speculation both in Paris and London and informed the consortium of 220 banks that the group was suspending interest payments for up to 18 months. The project currently has debts totalling about £8 billion hanging round its neck, costing it an estimated £2 million a day in interest charges.

The latest revenue figures of £104.5 million fell woefully short of forecast and meant, quite simply, that the group was not covering the cost of constructing the tunnel and repaying the banks. As a result, there is unlikely to be anything contained in Friday's figures, which will offer shareholders comfort. Brokers will not even attempt to make a forecast of the outcome. This is because it is not known if Eurotunnel plans to roll up costs, or charge them to the profit and loss account. When the group unveiled half-year figures this time last year, it showed a token profit of £1.7 million. It had only been up and running a short while and was operating a freight-only service.

The only thing certain about Friday's figures is that the company will not report a profit. In the meantime, the group is likely to continue pursuing its claim against TransManche Link, the consortium of contractors behind construction of the project.

BANK OF SCOTLAND: Interim profits on Wednesday, at first glance, are likely to appear impressive. Pre-tax profits are expected to increase 24 per cent to £263 million with the final outcome boosted by a £24 million surplus on the sale of its interest in its associate Halifax Credit Card to Halifax Building Society.

The bank has enjoyed strong loan growth, but mortgage margins have narrowed even further due to fierce competition in a depressed marketplace. Costs are also estimated to have risen 8 per cent. The trend in provisions for bad and doubtful debts continues to be downwards with the figure for the full year dropping from £119 million to £77 million.

IBSTOCK: Brokers will be hoping for positive news about the sale of the group's stake in Caima, its forest products business, when half-year figures are unveiled on Wednesday. Back in May, Ibstock bought Tarmac's brick division and succeeded in driving its bank borrowings sharply higher. At the last count, they had reached about £90 million. The successful disposal of Caima will deny the group of a valuable source of revenue but will at least go some way to reducing debt and easing broker's concerns.

Pre-tax profits are expected to have almost doubled to £8 million, according to NatWest Securities, the broker. But this hides the fact that Ibstock is still heavily exposed to the troubled housebuilding industry and any sign of recovery may still be far off.

HEWDEN STUART: The company should provide one of the few bright spots in the building and construction industry when it reports first-half figures on Wednesday.

Pre-tax profits are expected to increase almost £4 million to £20 million, resulting in a 17 per cent increase in earnings per share to 4.8p. The group has benefited from better utilisation of capacity and the increased use of plant hire by the big construction contractors.

Back in August, it spent a total of £8 million on acquisitions, which should benefit profits in the second half. But the group is aware that it is as vulnerable to a slowdown in the construction industry as anyone else.

GRAMPIAN HOLDINGS: A useful improvement is expected from this highly diversified group, with interests ranging from pharmaceuticals to transport and sporting equipment, when it unveils half-year figures on Wednesday.

These are expected to show pre-tax profits up from £3.6 million to at least £3.9 million with brokers looking for a final outcome of £10.4 million against £8.5 million last time. The transport division has been enjoying the benefits of recent rationalisation and brokers expect it to provide the main thrust to profits.

Warehousing and distribution have been combined and there has been greater emphasis on fleet utilisation. Market gossip suggests that the transport division may eventually be floated off. The pharmaceutical division has also been undergoing restructuring, with heavy emphasis on cost reduction, and this should be reflected in its contribution to profits. But both sporting goods and retailing continue to find the going difficult.

MANCHESTER UNITED: Unlike its Premier League side, the share price has been in good form of late, closing on Friday just 11p short of its all-time high.

A quick glance at the estimates pencilled in for full-year figures on Tuesday, and it is not difficult to see why the shares have been so strong. Pre-tax profits are expected to have soared by £8 million to £10.8 million. This figure will include a surplus of £3.5 million relating to the money made on transfers. Last year the group actually lost money in the transfer market.

Stripping out the vagaries of the transfer market, it becomes clear that the group has enjoyed another strong performance. It has seen buoyant ticket sales and strong growth on the merchandising side. Operating profits are expected to have risen 37 per cent to £15 million.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Output under scrutiny

THERE are key statistical releases on economic growth this week for Britain, America and Germany. In Britain, the most widely watched indicator will come on Friday with figures for August manufacturing output.

The median forecast compiled by MMS International is for manufacturing output to rebound from July's surprising 0.4 per cent drop, growing by 0.4 per cent. Total industrial production, which rose by 0.3 per cent in July, is expected to have increased by the same amount in August.

In America, the key indicators will be today's purchasing managers' index, a keenly watched barometer of US economic activity. The index for September is expected to show a strengthening from August's level. On Friday, non-farm payrolls, the main US measure of employment, is published. The markets want to see whether the economic rebound since the second quarter has been strong enough to boost employment as healthily as it did in August when non-farm payrolls jumped by 249,000. Adam Chester, international bond strategist at Yamaichi International Europe, is looking for a robust rise of around 200,000.

German figures for industrial and manufacturing output are expected to be published sometime this week. Both are expected to show a decline after the very hefty increases of 4 per cent and 4.3 per cent respectively in July. MMS International's survey of forecasts predicts a 2 per cent decline in both measures of industrial activity.

Other indicators in Britain this week include September's purchasing managers' survey, M0 money supply figures and the Nationwide's house price index, all today. Tomorrow, look out for the Halifax house price index, July's whole world trade figures and August personal borrowing figures. Thursday sees the latest figures for housing starts and car sales.

JANET BUSH

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: **Buy** Pearson, Chiroscience, Brunel, Ibstock. **Sell** WH Smith. *The Observer:* **Buy** Menvier-Swain, House of Fraser. *The Mail on Sunday:* **Buy** Chiroscience. *Independent on Sunday:* **Buy** British-Borneo. **Sell** Cable and Wireless, Sedgwick. *The Sunday Telegraph:* **Buy** Savills. **Hold** United News & Media. **Sell** Trafalgar House, Ibstock. *Sunday Express:* **Buy** South West Water.

Listings swell to more than 90

LISTINGS on the Alternative Investment Market will swell to 91 companies today, kicking the exchange into a league likely to attract more of the big money from institutional investors as well as offering wider scope to the public.

Ten newcomers joining the ranks add to last week's total, which grew by 33 to 81 in preparation for Friday's abolition of the Stock Exchange's Rule 4.2 trading facility for small companies. Many have upgraded to AIM. Neil Austin, head of new issues at KPMG corporate finance, said: "AIM is moving towards critical mass."

AIM, which began in June with just 10 companies, will be further boosted later this year with the expected launch of venture-capital trusts and an anticipated flotation of an AIM trust. Mr Austin said: "The new collective instrument vehicles such as VCTs should provide companies with a valuable source of funds and should play an important role in the development of AIM."

Dealers in stocks on AIM have been seeing a steady increase in interest from institutional investors over the past few weeks as the stream of companies joining the market has continued.

Counting today's entrants, 80 companies have jumped over from Rule 4.2 while 11 came straight to AIM trading. Up to 300 companies have used the exchange's 4.2 facility. Those that do not transfer will either abandon active stock trading or shift to screen-based services such as Ofex, developed as an alternative to 4.2.

Some companies have complained that the costs of joining AIM are prohibitive as the Stock Exchange requires listed companies to have a nominated adviser, costing about £25,000.

However, many market watchers believe that, after a cautious start, AIM has developed a momentum capable of pulling along many more reticent companies as its money-raising potential grows.

CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

Mkt. cap (million)	Company	Price pence	Wkly +/−	Yld %	P/E
10.50	AMCO Corp	94	...	6.0	10.3
	Abacus Recruit	16	...	...	...
17.70	A de Grouchy	120	...	6.0	9.8
6.12	African Gold	7¼	...	...	...
	Albemarle & Bd	12	+ 1	...	...
	Ann St Brewery	410	...	...	...
	Ann St Cv Pf	865	...	...	...
93.50	Antonov	133	+ 2	...	...
	Athelney Trust	56	...	...	...
4.30	Belcanto	48	...	...	...
	Bowness Leis	140	...	...	...
	Bown Leis Cv Pf	75	...	...	...
4.56	Brancote Hdgs	46	...	...	...
23.10	Brockbank	198	+ 3	4.0	19.8
	CCI Hldgs	110	+ 2	...	...
	CCI Founder Shs	110	...	...	...
3.35	Cafe Inns	120	...	2.1	9.9
	Caledonian Tst	75	...	...	...
11.50	Card Clear	58	...	...	...
	Celtic	6600	...	...	...
	Celtic Pf Shs	6600	...	...	...
	Cl Comms(TV)	127	...	...	...
13.90	ClubPartners	33	...	...	...
7.39	Conister Tst	37	+ 1	2.7	15.8
10.90	Country Gdns	61	...	2.5	12.6
2.57	Cntry Gdns Pf	70	− 3	9.5	...
9.13	DBS Management	135	...	5.6	5.6
32.50	Dawson Hldgs	710	+ 10	5.1	9.8
	Dean Corp	10	...	...	...
5.62	Euro Sales Fn	125	...	...	...
	Fartake	210	+ 5	...	...
	Fin! Publs	38	...	...	...
6.83	Firecrest	41	...	...	17.8
4.30	Floral St	185	− 5	...	10.1
8.72	Formscan	93	+ 2	...	23.6
27.40	Gander Hldgs	9½	...	...	...
5.55	Graduate Apts	33	+ 2	...	39.6
0.25	Grad Apts Wts	23	...	...	...
	Greenhills	16	...	...	...
	Gulton	165	...	...	...
	Hansom	60	...	...	...
47.70	Hiscox Ded Ins	105	...	0.3	...
	Hiscox Ded p/p	55	...	...	...
	Hiscox Wts	3	...	...	...
12.20	Inner Workings	73	...	...	...
18.80	Jennings Bros	290	− 5	2.5	24.9
	Lawrence	205	− 3	...	...
59.50	Lawrie Group	3050	+ 50	2.9	15.6
46.40	Le Riches Strs	280	...	6.9	28.4
	Lifehome As Ten	90	...	...	...
26.60	Lon Fiduciary	29¼	+ ¼	...	...
6.84	Lorien Grp	155	...	...	...
9.99	Meltek	63	...	...	28.2
301.90	Memory Corp	510	− 45	...	...
	Metrodome Films	23	...	...	...
9.72	Moorepay	128	− 2	3.4	21.1
17.60	MultiMedia	61	...	...	...
22.10	NWF Grp	295	...	2.8	14.2
	Nash (Wm)	150	...	5.5	...
5.72	Neill Clerk	114¾	...	2.2	14.2
	Norcity. II	63	...	...	...
	Northomes	63	...	...	...
	Nthmb Res Prps	71	...	...	...
15.90	Nursing Home	103	...	...	...
8.58	Old English Pub	78	...	3.2	...
5.24	Omnicare	85	− 3	2.2	14.1
10.40	Omnimedia	75	...	...	...
7.41	Pan Andean Res	18	+2½	...	...
5.02	Park Ests(Liv)	210	...	...	...
3.62	Preston Nth E	400	...	...	...
	Riceman Insce	16	...	...	...
13.00	SCS Satellite	126	− 4	...	...
	Scott Pride	56	...	...	...
12.70	Scrutions	265	+ 1	6.1	10.8
	Silkbarn	2	...	...	...
125.50	Southern News	532	+ 9	3.7	14.5
	Stamford Rook	173	+ 5	...	...
9.58	Surrey Fr Inns	95	− 5	1.7	...
37.60	TRACKER Netwk	710	− 10	...	...
	Univent	40	...	...	...
	Utd Auctions	468	− 27	...	...
	VDC	585	...	...	...
21.10	Versailles Grp	8	...	...	15.2
	Voss	171	...	...	...
	Wedderburn Secs	12	− 2	...	...
	Wedd Secs Wrnts	4	...	...	...
9.19	W'chester M Md	83	− 7	...	...
	Wynnstay Props	150	...	...	...
	Zergo	140	...	...	...

Askin seeks to overturn court order

Julian Askin, the British-born businessman wanted in South Africa on fraud charges, is seeking to have a ruling authorising his extradition overturned in the Italian courts.

Mr Askin, who left Italy for London before the order was approved, is expected to argue, through his lawyers, that no valid extradition treaty exists between Italy and South Africa.

The Italians said the order could be enforced if Mr Askin returned. Mr Askin, former chairman of Tollgate Holdings, faces eight charges of fraud totalling 29 million rand (£5 million).

Ukraine to get $350m

The International Monetary Fund has approved $350 million in credits for Ukraine, the third part of a loan to help the former Soviet republic stabilise its economy. Yevhen Marchuk, the Prime Minister, said on Saturday.

Mr Marchuk told Interfax Ukraine news agency that the IMF approved allocation of the standby credit at a meeting he attended on Friday in Washington.

Cortworth plans listing

Cortworth, the specialist engineering group born of a 1993 management buyout of Williams Holdings, is planning a Stock Exchange listing.

Turnover in the year ending December 31, 1994, was £58.3 million, earning pre-tax profit of £6.4 million.

MBOs back in favour

Management buyouts are back in favour and could top £4.5 billion this year, KPMG, the accountant, forecast.

In the first nine months of 1995, the total value of MBOs overtook the total for 1994. To date, 70 MBOs have been achieved this year, and 1994's total of 83 MBOs is within reach.

Brewton buy

Brewton, the TechniRent electronic rental specialist, is paying £7.35 million for Show Presentations Services, which rents audio-visual equipment.



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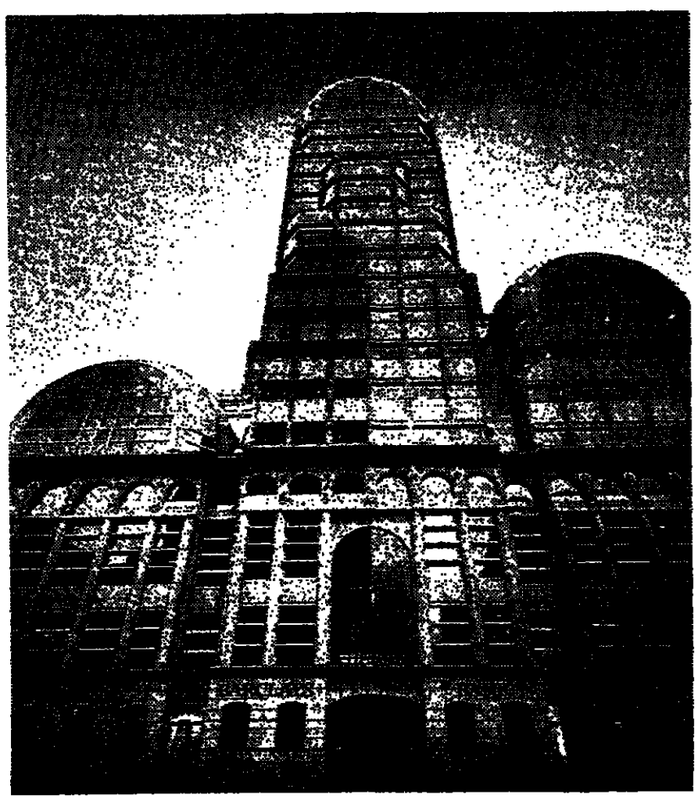
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Ashanti looks at US listing

Ashanti, the 41.4 per cent Lonrho-owned Ghanaian gold mine quoted on the London and Ghanaian stock exchanges, is considering a listing in New York on the Big Board, company officials have told *The Times*.

A final decision will be taken within three months and reflects increasing American investment interest in a gold mining company widely regarded as the premier non-South African gold mine on the continent.

The current share register shows Lonrho holding 41.4 per cent, the Ghanaian Government 28.6 per cent cent and the public 30 per cent.

Bid claim

Harnischfeger Industries of America, which has mounted a hostile £171.2 million cash bid for Dobson Park Industries, the mining equipment group, yesterday said that Dobson has "no strategy, and no future as an independent company". The US bidder challenged the premise of five arguments that have been put forward by Dobson in its defence, and reiterated that its bid, at 110p a share, offers "the certainty of cash, today — not vague talk of prospects, future potential and underlying value".

Fayeds' payout

Harrods, the London department store, said that a £50 million dividend paid by Harrods Holdings, its holding company, to the trust controlled by the Fayed brothers, Mohamed and Ali, was the first the brothers had received since buying the Harrods store ten years ago. The dividend was declared out of 1994-95 pre-tax profits of £70.9 million, according to accounts filed at Companies House.

UK risks losing lead in foreign investment

BY JON ASHWORTH

BRITAIN risks losing its crown as Europe's favoured destination for foreign investors, according to a report that suggests thousands of manufacturing jobs could be lost to lower cost competition from Asia and Eastern Europe.

Inward investment agencies need to sharpen their act, and City institutions have an important role to play in identifying new areas of growth, the report by London Economics, an independent economic consultancy, says.

It finds that the manufacturing sector is most vulnerable to foreign competition.

Britain has been the most successful country after America in attracting inward investment, winning more than £10 billion in projects in 1993 alone, but rationalisation by multinational companies is set to take its toll. The dismantling of trade barriers within the European Union has reduced the need to operate plants in different countries. Cost pressures and the economies of scale derived from concentrating facilities in fewer locations give firms a strong incentive to rationalise.

London Economics says: "Rather than competing for a new project or an expansion, countries, agencies and local management are competing to retain that which they already hold."

The impact of increasing competition will be greatest on manufacturing projects in the short to medium term. Britain will have to work hard at attracting financial services and other "high value added service activities" if it hopes to maintain a high level of inward investment. The City will need to play an increasing role in identifying and funding suitable projects.

European rivals are becoming increasingly professional in their approach to attracting foreign investment, the report says, and UK agencies are urged to change tack. One approach would be to work alongside local management to ensure that UK facilities win inter-plant contests.

More than 3,500 American companies have invested in Britain. Japan's three largest car companies have chosen the UK as a major European base, and more than 40 per cent of total Japanese investment in the European Union is in the UK. More than 1,000 German companies have invested some 12 per cent of Germany's overseas investment in the UK.

Inward investors accounted for one in six manufacturing jobs in the UK in 1990, but finance, insurance and business services remain important. Treasury operations and European headquarters tend to be located in London, and the abundance of professional services continues to act as a magnet for foreign firms.

DES JENSON



John Gorman and Peter Sherman say they have been threatened and had property damaged in a series of bizarre incidents

Gorman to fight BA from abroad

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

JOHN GORMAN, the former policeman engaged in a long-running battle with British Airways, pledged to continue his legal fight with the airline as he left the country by ship for the Continent to set up home abroad.

Mr Gorman's dispute with BA began with his alleged discovery of a piece of glass in an inflight meal. The subsequent public and private exchanges between him and BA management have failed to resolve the issue and his legal action against BA is expected to come to a head soon.

A legal adviser to Mr Gorman, who had to take early retirement after damaging his health in the rescue operation after the Brighton bombing in 1984, claimed that his client was leaving Britain to live abroad because he "feared for his safety".

A series of bizarre incidents in which Mr Gorman and his companion Peter Sherman had been threatened or had property damaged have proved very costly. Two weeks ago, a BBC film crew took footage of several thousand pounds worth of damage to Mr Gorman's BMW. The paintwork was scratched in daylight outside his Enfield flat. The words "no win BA" were gouged into the boot.

BA denies any connection with the incidents in which its name has usually been used and said it had co-operated fully with police investigations.

Mr Gorman's legal adviser said a recent report in *The Sunday Times* which contained allegations against Mr Gorman is to be the subject of a complaint to the Press Complaints Commission.

Mr Gorman last month disclosed to *The Times* that he had received $5,000 in compensation from Dobbs International Services, a US catering company, after finding glass in an ice cream dessert he ate on board a Delta Airline flight in 1991. Both Mr Gorman and Mr Sherman are frequent fliers.

Canadians see golden future in Spain

BY COLIN CAMPBELL
MINING CORRESPONDENT

SLAVES of the Roman Empire once worked the gold mines of Asturias. Now Rio Narcea Gold Mines, a Toronto-listed Canadian company, is bringing the old Roman pits back to life with modern mining technology and finding extensive new seams that the Romans never discovered.

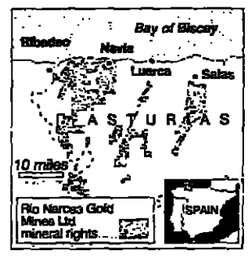
The modest £28 million company, which owns licences over an area in Asturias twice the size of the Isle of Wight, reckons that although the Romans may well have taken the "eyes" out of the gold deposits, they left behind enough to justify bringing several mines into operation. Chris von Christierson, chairman, said: "There no reason why Spain shouldn't become the foremost gold producing country in Europe."

Between 1985 and 1994, the northern Spanish properties were investigated by South Africa's Anglo American group, whose joint partner was Spain's quoted coal group Hullas del Coto Cortes (HCC). Anglo spent $15 million and proved a case for gold. However, in Anglo American's book, gold mining in Spain was "too small".

In stepped Rio Narcea, paying an entry cost of $6 million which brought it exploration rights, buildings and land, and an extensive data bank. Rio Narcea also employed an enthusiastic team of geologists who had worked for Anglo and knew the workings, and in turn initiated its own determined exploration drive.

Over the past 18 months, Rio Narcea has drilled apace. Indicated grades of 4 grams a tonne are encouraging, and the management is hoping soon to complete a bankable feasibility study of its El Valle deposit, after which a first production date can be established. Rio Narcea reported *in situ* gold reserves of 1.78 million ounces in July. Its target is 4 million ounces by the end of 1998.

Mr von Christierson has promised his exploration team that he will be speaking fluent Spanish by the time of the company's first gold pour. Reportedly, he is making rapid progress, so a first gold pour can't be far behind.



Ample reward for the risk factor

GILT-EDGED

Three months ago, it was argued in this column that international economic conditions, prospective as well as current, were very propitious for bond markets.

The central point was that global GDP growth was dull and probably deteriorating, while inflation — not a problem even in the period of briskest demand — was set to moderate still further. The consequence was going to be a willingness amongst the worlds monetary authorities, strongly backed by elected governments, to ease liquidity conditions. It did not matter that public sector borrowing would be on a rising trend: its effects on bond prices would be more than offset by the concurrent decline in the private sector's demand for funds.

Today, that economic analysis appears to have been largely correct, and so does the response it evoked amongst central banks. But the reaction of the markets was a little restrained, disappointing even. Although bond prices certainly rose, the total real return was typically above 10 per cent, they did so less exuberantly than had seemed likely at the mid-summer stage.

What caused the lack of enthusiasm amongst investors is not clear. The widespread suggestion that it was the result of a generally unhelpful "political" situation is one that is difficult to substantiate. While it is clear that governments were almost universally unpopular, there was little in what they did to justify market caution. Nowhere was the commitment to "free markets" diminished; nor was there any perceptible loss of determination to return fiscal policies to equilibrium. It was not just *incumbent* administrations that mouthed financial piety: the *opposition* did so as well. Indeed, to the dispassionate observer, the effect of the political environment on bond investors might be thought to have been a source less of anxiety than of comfort.

A more satisfactory explanation of the markets' nervousness during the third quarter might lie in the currency turmoil that afflicted the period.

For the international bond investor, developments in foreign exchanges are often more important (in the short term, at any rate) than all other considerations put together. And what has been happening recently is a profound change in the dollar-yen relationship, coupled with an intensification of divisive forces within the ERM. Some bondholders were winners in this situation, others were losers; but all were disenchanted. Everyone recognised that the "risks" of investment in the fixed interest market had been underestimated.

Sterling was on the currency sidelines for most of the third quarter, but its consequent stability did nothing to encourage investment in the gilts market. The general view was that, though the pound might have come unscathed through the latest disturbance, it was no less likely to be embroiled in the next one. The risk premium attached to gilts had therefore to be raised as much as that in any other fixed interest market. The likely consequence for the investor is that the advance in bond prices will prove bumpier than anticipated, but last longer. The fundamentals are as strong as ever.

The Japanese economy is still severely depressed and needs an enormous injection of liquidity. Germany is probably in even deeper trouble. It needs not only to stimulate economic activity, but to depress its currency. Without the latter goal being achieved, companies will simply move their operations overseas. The Germans must weaken the D-mark by a good 15 per cent; and the more that Waigel does to undermine confidence in the ERM (sensible though his scepticism is), the bigger the interest rate reductions will have to be. The only justification for nervousness is the US. If its economy is rebounding rapidly (as the latest order numbers suggest), Greenspan can be expected to act partially to offset the monetary stimulus of his counterparts in the Bundesbank and the Bank of Japan. The most likely prognosis, is that American activity will stay fairly subdued and that global liquidity conditions will remain expansive.

For gilt holders, the near-term auguries (at home and abroad) are as favourable as ever. Real GDP growth is going to be uninspiring, inflation moderating and interest rates subsiding. Even if the risk premium attached to the markets should continue to rise, investors can anticipate a substantial real return. They will have to learn to live with heightened volatility, but will be generously rewarded.

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Canada $	2.238	2.078
Cyprus Cyp£	0.747	0.682
Denmark Kr	9.33	8.53
Finland Mkk	7.32	6.67
France Fr	8.16	7.51
Germany Dm	2.40	2.19
Greece Dr	381.00	356.00
Hong Kong $	12.87	11.87
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Italy Lira	2646.00	2490.00
Japan Yen	169.00	153.00
Malta	0.596	0.543
Netherlds Gld	2.662	2.432
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Norway Kr	10.47	9.57
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CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5820 (+0.0016)
German mark
2.2483 (+0.0076)
Exchange index
84.6 (+0.1)
Bank of England offical close (4pm)
FT 30 share
2586.6 (-16.9)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100
3479.0 (-35.8)
New York Dow Jones
4789.08 (+24.93)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
17913.06 (+199.13)

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 37

GALLOWGLASS
(a) A gallowglass was a very irregular member of an Irish chieftain's private army, like the IRA, but with bloody charm instead of cowardly Semtex, from the Old Irish *gall* foreign + *oglach* a soldier. Remember the bloody Sergeant's big messenger's speech in *Macbeth*: "The merciless Macdonwald/. . . from the western isles/ Of Kernes and Gallowglasses is supplied;/ And Fortune, on his damned quarrel smiling,/ Show'd like a rebel's whore."

GORGET
(c) A small metal badge, usually crescent-shaped, worn by British Army officers from circa 1800 onwards as a decoration, but originally throat armour for wars of slashing and thrusting. From the Old French diminutive of *gorge* a throat.

MAIN GAUCHE
(c) It was common in the Middle Ages to wear a dagger on the left side to supplement the sword in your right hand, and to help ascend the circular stairways in fortifications. These usually rose clockwise in order to give the upper hand to the defenders, who were assumed to be right-handed.

CULVERIN
(a) A long-barrelled, thin cannon weighing about 50 cwt, and usually an 18-pounder. Ultimately from the Latin *coluber* a snake. Congreve: "O I am calm, Sir; calm as a discharged culverin."

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Attacking poverty is the best economic policy



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Every Labour Party conference seems to suffer the same underlying tension. Political aspirations are in constant conflict with practical economic reality. Activists have a limitless agenda to improve the lot of the poor, the underprivileged and the disadvantaged — and to bash the rest. But they are constantly told that the party has to be modest, responsible and compromising in order to win the confidence of the mass of voters.

Every Labour conference but this one, that is. For once, Labour faces the ultimate political luxury. It can develop its economic strategy with the comforting thought that what its heart wants to do is what its head should tell it to do. So far, however, there is not much evidence that it will seize the opportunity to get away from plans to spend lots of money, frustrated by the economy's failure to provide the wherewithal.

The concentrated focus of Labour's economic policy should be an attack on poverty. Ever-rising numbers of poor people, and the increasingly unsustainable bill to relieve their plight, have become the Achilles' heel of the economy, keeping taxes high, interest rates up and economic growth down. Unless this trend is reversed, Labour can forget its ambitions for public services just as Tories have had to abandon cuts in the tax burden.

Labour's heart well understands the difference between attacking poverty and relieving it. You do not feel so poor if you can sustain a decent life, however modest, from your earnings, from the benefits of your house or capital or from universal transfers such as state pensions, child benefit, free health care and public education. You feel much poorer if you must rely on selective, usually means-tested, welfare benefits to sustain that same modest standard. The key to Labour's economic strategy should be to help poor people below retirement age to become better off, not to give more state top-ups.

Strangely, it is Conservatives who have resorted ever more to taxpayers. Their strategy, sound in theory, was to free the economy to become more efficient, while giving a helping hand to those who suffer in the process. The social security cost was assumed to be temporary, because a dynamic market economy would boost the rate of growth, raise living standards and create "real" jobs.

The efficiency gains have been delivered on a much-enlarged market economy. In the early days of reform, as at British Steel, there was even planning to help new enterprises replace old. But as the pace of change accelerated the Government relied on unaided market forces and hastily promised welfare subsidies to mop up the problems. That has been the undoing of its economic strategy.

An extra 1.5 million or so people, mostly breadwinning men, are unemployed at any moment. Reform of rented housing has hugely boosted welfare dependency. Low pay is subsidised ever more by the state, while suffering a 30 per cent tax. A £3 billion tax on domestic fuel required a £1 billion rise in welfare payments. Unwinding cross-subsidies from power consumers to mining communities, or from well-off water consumers to poor ones, boosted welfare spending. Taxes are up, growth is no better and the CBI wants more state job subsidies. The civilised welfare safety net the Government has maintained, far from being the natural complement of a truly free-market economy, is ultimately incompatible with it. If Labour tried to free the economy by attacking poverty it would face equivalent problems.

The measure of success would be whether it cut the social security budget. That is, for instance, the acid test of the proposed national minimum wage, one of the main symbolic focuses at Brighton this week. It is an illusion to suppose that several million people could be made permanently better off at the stroke of a legislative pen.

The more people qualify, the more likely a national minimum is to reduce the demand for jobs. Any figure much above £3.50 per hour, for instance, could affect a quarter of all women workers. That would surely generate the feared spiral to maintain differentials, even though low pay tends to be concentrated in industries where few are paid well. And if the minimum were applied to young workers, or to micro-firms casually employing less than a handful of people, demand could be hit as harshly as in some continental countries, or business would be driven underground. If there were any significant rise in unemployment, the policy would have failed.

On its own, a national minimum should initially function as a safeguard against rogue employers, setting an absolute limit of decency. As part of a more general attack on poverty, however, it could play an increasing role as other pieces of the jigsaw are put in place.

To start with, employers as a whole need to be compensated for any rise in pay costs incurred by some. Employers' National Insurance contributions should certainly be abolished for anything up to a full week's wage at the national minimum. This floor should be raised as soon as possible to account for any differentials spiral. Eventually, employers' NICs should be abolished altogether to raise the demand for labour. Part of the cost might be recouped by a differentially higher rate of corporation tax on companies that cut like-for-like staff levels. That is a proper way for employers to contribute.

Even fairly high minimum wages would not make much impact on family poverty unless income tax allowances are raised, with the married man's allowance as the cost-efficient priority. As Labour's training fans know, that is only the start. Poverty cannot be attacked by a few headline policies. It requires a different state of mind.

The sheep in wolf's clothing

Whatever Happened to . . ? *Radio 4, 9.15pm.*

Here is an easy question for you. Who killed two little pigs, huffily and puffily blew down their house, trussed up and then locked up a sweet old Grandma in a cupboard, and swallowed a little lad called Tom? Did you say the Big Bad Wolf? That is precisely what you would be expected to say if it had not been for this outrageous programme. The truth is that if Leslie Phillips is to be believed tonight — and he has played so many wolves of the girl-enticing type in British films that it is difficult to see him in any other skin — the shocking charges laid against the Big Bad Wolf in children's fiction are not worth the paper they are printed on.

Affairs of the Heart: Jimmy Young. *Radio 2, 11.30am.*

Helplines are increasingly being used as a channel of communication between listeners in need of advice and experts who can provide it. *Radio 2 organises these "Can I help you?" sessions rather better than anybody else.* A new series starts today in the Jimmy Young show, and continues in other Radio 2 programmes until Wednesday. *Affairs of the Heart* does sound a bit Barbara Cartlandish and so does the theme music, Debussy's *Clair de Lune*. But the snippets I have heard from the case histories of sexual experience are far removed from the June/moon soppiness of some well-known love songs. The helpline is open *24 hours a day. For confidential advice,* call free on 0800 022022.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Dave Pearce 6.30 Chris Evans 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lisa I'Anson 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier, including at 4.40 *Judge Dredd* and at 6.30 The Nightly Mix 7.00 The Evening Session 9.00 Apache Indian, live from Manchester 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00 Wendy Lloyd

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Affairs of the Heart: Jimmy Young. Sea Choice 2.00pm Debbie Thrower 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Gregg 7.30 Malcolm Laycock, with Dance Band Days 8.30 Big Band Special 9.00 George Shearing 10.00 Scottish Music Hall 10.30 The Jamesons' 12.05am Digby Fairweather, with Jazz Notes 1.00 Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 8.35 The Magazine, incl at 10.35 Euronews; 11.05 *Going Bananas* 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.05 Ruscoe on Five, incl at 2.35 Actuality; and at 3.45 Entertainment News 4.00 Nationwide, incl at 5.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Extra, incl at 7.20 sport 7.35 Football Legends: Bert Trautmann 8.00 The Monday Match: Southampton v West Ham United 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra 12.05am The Other Side of Midnight 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sandy Warr 7.00 Simon Bates 10.00 Jonathan King 12.00 Tommy Boyd 2.00pm Anna Raeburn 4.00 Scott Chisholm and Lowri Turner 7.00 Sean Bolger 9.00 Moz Dee 10.00 James Whale 1.00-6.00am Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00am Newsdesk 5.30 Europe Today 6.00 Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 Newsday 7.30 Europe Today 8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 The Vintage Chart Show 8.00 News 9.10 Words of Faith 9.15 The Greenfield Collection 10.00 News in German 10.15 Anything Goes 10.45 Sport 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Off the Shelf Noon Newsdesk 12.30pm Omnibus 1.00 News 1.05 Business 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 The Musician's Musician 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 John Peel 4.00 News in German 4.05 Sport 4.15 *Concert Hall* 5.00 News 5.15 The World Today 5.30 News in German 6.00 Europe Today 6.30 Business 6.45 Sport 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 News in German 8.00 News Summary 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Words of Faith 8.30 Multitrack 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 Business 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Omnibus 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 The World Today 11.45 Sport Midnight News 12.10am Take Five 12.15 Ed Stewart 12.45 Development '95 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Folk Routes 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 News 2.10 Press 2.15 Bhangra Beat 2.45 Health Matters 3.00 Newsday 3.30 Inspiration 4.00 News 4.15 Sport 4.30 John Peel

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Early Breakfast 7.00 Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 8.00 Newsnight 8.30 Sonata: Rossini 7.00 A to Z of Classical Music 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Meppin 12.00 Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7.30 Paul Coyte 10.00 Janey Lee Grace 2.00-6.00am Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Arts Foundation Course — Sullivan 6.55 Weather 7.00 On Air: Corelli (Christmas Concerto); Schumann (Toccata in C, Op 7); Mozart (Symphony No 6 in F, K43); 8.05 Suppé (Overture, Post and Peasant); Grieg (Ave maris stella); D'Albert (Piano Concerto No 2 in E) 9.00 Composer of the Week: J.S. Bach in Leipzig 10.00 Musical Encounters: including Scarlatti (Sonata in C minor, Kk383); Mendelssohn (Calm Sea and *Prosperous Voyage*); Part (Fratres for wind octet and percussion); Mendelssohn (String Symphony No 12); Mozart (Sonata in C, K296); 11.15 Schumann (Fantasy Pieces, Op 73); Shostakovich (Symphony No 9) 12.00 The Land Where the Good Songs Go: Mark Steyn explores forgotten musicals (3/5) 1.00pm BBC Lunchtime Concert, live from St John's, Smith Square, London. Joshua Bell, violin, Paul Coker, piano, perform Grieg (Violin Sonata No 3 in C minor, Op 45); Debussy (Violin Sonata); Ravel (Tzigane) 2.00 Schools: The Song Tree 2.15 *Storybox* 2.25 *Let's Move* 2.45 First Steps in Drama 3.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Tadaaki Otaka, with Boris Berezovsky, piano. Beethoven (Overture Prometheus); Liszt (Piano Concerto No 2 in A); Strauss (Don Juan) 3.45 Music for Organ, played by James O'Donnell in Westminster Cathedral. Bach; arr Dupré (Sinfonia Cantatas 146 and 29); Dupré (Symphonie-Passion) 4.30 Piano Man: The career of Ead Hines (1/6) 5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson takes a look at medieval music with the help of the Dufay Collective 5.15 In Tune, including Saint-Saëns (Danse macabre, Op 40); 6.03 Telemann (Recorder Concerto No 1 in C); Stravinsky (Scherzo *fantastique*) 7.30 New York Philharmonic Orchestra under Kurt Masur. Strauss (Metamorphosen); Beethoven (Symphony No 3 in E flat) 9.05 Young Irish: Heroes. The American novelist Mark Richard explores the aims of young Irish writers (1/5) 9.30 Fairest Isle: Spitalfields Festival 1995. John Mark Ainsley, tenor, Endellion Quartet, with Malcolm Martineau, piano, perform Vaughan Williams (On Wenlock Edge); Tippett (The Heart's Assurance) 10.45 Mixing It: Mark Russell and Robert Sandall introduce highlights from a gig recorded last night in Nottingham featuring bands Pinski Zoo and Left Hand Right Hand 11.30-12.30am Ensemble: Penny Gore presents the last Czech programme, including Dvořák (Cypresses, excerpts); Suk (Elegy); Janáček (Violin Sonata) 1.00-2.00 Night School: Letterbox 1.20 Singing Together

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today: the daily bulletin of rural current affairs 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, including half-hourly News, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 7.55 Weather 8.40 Scottish Journeys, read by Dougal Lee (r) 8.55 Weather 9.00 News; Start the Week, with Melvyn Bragg, Jane Thynne, Rabbi Julia Neuberger, Michael Foot and *Times* columnist Simon Jenkins 10.00 News; Dear Diary (FM only): The musician Ian Dury presents pop music in diary form with Bob Geldof on the road and Noel Coward's encounter with the Beatles 10.00 Holy Land Pilgrimage Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only) 10.30 Women's Hour: Jenni Murray talks to Baroness Hogg about her new role as advisory director to Barclaytex 11.30 Money Box Live: 0171-580 4444, Personal finance 12.00 News; You and Yours 12.25pm Round Britain Quiz, with Gordon Clough, Anthony Quinton, Irene Thomas, Eric Korn, Margaret Lesser and Paul Baker 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke at the Labour Party Conference in Brighton 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; Westkid Years, by John Harvey: Tom Wilkinson recreates his television role of the detective Charlie Resnick (1/2) 3.00 The Afternoon Shift 4.05 News; Kaleidoscope: Lynne Walker talks to Sir Simon Rattle and watches Warren Mitchell play King Lear at the West Yorkshire Playhouse 4.45 Short Story: Humming in the Kitchen (First Bite), by Martin Deveney: Read by Pauline McLynn. A lonely housewife in rural Ireland decides to put some spice in her life 5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe at the Labour Party Conference in Brighton and Wendy Jones in London 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 The News Quiz: Barry Took is joined by *Times* columnist Alan Coren, Francis Wheen and Simon Hoggart (r) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 The Food Programme: Simon Parkes explores Lebanon's food culture (r) 7.45 Monday Play: Rainmaker, by Robin Lloyd-Jones. In the country of WaBumbea the king anxiously awaits the end of the drought. With Carlton Chance, Isobel Lucas and Ben Thomas 9.15 Whatever Happened to . . ? See Choice 9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig 10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Mist in the Mirror, by Susan Hill. Read by Gareth Armstrong and John Moffatt (r) 11.00 No Illusions: Dr Jonathan Steinberg is joined by John Gray of Jesus College, Oxford (4/5) 12.00-12.45am News, incl at 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.45 As World Service (LW)

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Putting on the denim

THE strict dress code enforced by The Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, may be about to run up against its commercial sideline as a venue for company annual meetings. A spokeswoman insists that etiquette requires: "Collar, tie and jacket for gentlemen, smart business dress for ladies, strictly no denim of any kind for either gender. I repeat, NO denim". That doesn't entirely suit Algy Cluff, who has held Cluff Resources annual meetings at the RAC, but recalls that the RAC had to rustle up a tie this year before letting one shareholder in. "The thought that a club can frustrate the letter of the Companies Act by denying a shareholder the right to attend a meeting is too awful," the bespoke Algy says. Next year, it could be back to The Ritz.

New seed

HARVEST Festival is no sooner passed when Williams de Broe gathers in its own new crop of analysts. Malcolm Graham-Wood, special oil salesman at Wood Mackenzie for four years and top salesman at James Capel for 12, is made director, head of UK equities — the first outsider to join the board immediately in 126 years. Paul Backhouse comes from SBC as head of European research, together with Peter Woods and Geoff Haire, who join the pharmaceuticals and chemicals team, respectively. Gilt specialists Francis Boff and David Eccles switch from SG Warburg. Bill Myers, former-ly research head at Yamaichi, joins as do Richard Greene, Claire Gordon and Wayne Geisbrecht from Allied Provincial.

Stork stakes

READERS responded warmly to British Vita's call (*City Diary*, September 8) to suggest names for the baby storks nesting on top of its new foam factory in Brez Dolney, Poland. Entries include Tchaikstorky, Rimsky Storks, Vitachix, and Storkski and Hatch. If Russian, Vladivostorks. All entries have been sent — by carrier pigeon — to British Vita.

EVERYONE should know that Germany only wants European Monetary Union on its terms, for fear of the mark losing value on the move to a single currency. But is it really necessary for the monetary policy spokesman of Helmut Kohl's Christian Democratic party to be called Gero Pfennig.

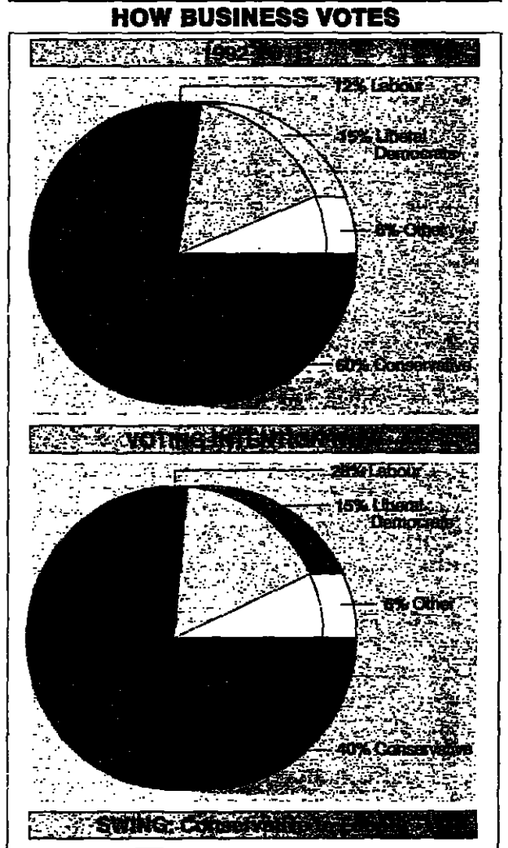
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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Labour gaining ground in fight for business

Everything to play for in new political arena, says **Philip Bassett**

HOW BUSINESS VOTES



Business is becoming the new battleground for British politics. At Labour's annual conference, which opens today, party leader Tony Blair will emphasise the importance of business to new Labour after his recent round-Britain business tour. John Major is running a series of seminars for small business. Even with the general election probably 18 months away, politics is courting business hard.

So what does business think of all this? What is its response to this Westminster wooing? Who will be the victor in the political powerplay for business backing — Tony Blair or John Major?

For the first time since both the main political parties launched their new business offensives, business today gives a clue, in the shape of survey evidence from all levels — from the captains of industry in the boardrooms to junior managers.

Taken together, the evidence is mixed — business retains its nervousness about Labour, especially on such issues as its plans for a minimum wage, which will dominate Labour's conference in Brighton today, but it is positive enough for Labour to encourage the party's leadership in its bid for business support, and gloomy enough for the Government to make Conservatives worry about whether they are losing business support.

John Gardiner, chairman of the Laird Group, takes an even and sceptical view. "Both Labour under Blair and the Conservatives say they understand the need to let business and industry get on with their jobs," he says.

"But the Conservatives can't resist stepping in occasionally, and the fear is that Labour will be worse — that somehow they'll go against logic and feel they ought to step in."

But Mr Gardiner's view, reported in the *Management Today* magazine, is not much reflected in the findings published today of a new survey of company managers — ranging from top-of-the-line directors to juniors on the management ladder — from the Institute of Management.

The results will not make happy reading for the Prime Minister and Conservative Central Office, since they show company chiefs moving sharply towards Mr Blair's new Labour Party, and away from their traditional backing for the Conservatives.

Though the results of the poll of a statistical sample of *370 managers are in line with* Labour's general lead in the opinion polls, the sheer scale of the switch in business support from the Conservatives to the Labour Party is startling.

The findings of the poll for the institute, which has some 70,000 individual managers in membership as well as 700 corporate members, indicate a swing from Tory to Labour among Britain's managers of 18 per cent — in psephological terms, huge. According to the IoM survey, business support for the Conservatives is down by a third, while business support for Labour has more than doubled.

While this means that business is still overall backing the Tories, the Conservatives' complete majority support from business in the last election now looks severely weakened, with backing for Labour and the Liberal Democrats together more than for the Conservatives.

The 18 per cent swing is reflected right down the managerial ladder. Even among company directors, the swing is 17 per cent, while among senior managers it is a psephologically staggering 29 per cent.

According to the survey, more senior managers now support Labour than they do the Conservatives — 45 to 28 per cent. "This is middle England," says Roger Young, the IoM's director-general. "The figures tend to support the view that Labour is gaining ground with business."

Christopher Haskins, chairman of Northern Foods, and a longstanding Labour supporter in business, says plainly: "A Labour government would be good for the country". Though *even he has his reservations*: "I am concerned that Labour remains naive in its attitude to business, with the Blair approach in danger of being too accommodating, and the left wing excessively suspicious and hostile."

But Sipko Huismans, chief executive of Courtaulds, says, "If Tony Blair delivers what he says, then I am perfectly relaxed about the prospect of a Labour government. I have no problem with the sort of things he stands for."

However, that sort of response does not feature greatly in a poll of 103 chairmen, chief executives and other board members from *The Times* Top 500 companies carried out by MORI, the polling organisation, for *Management Today*. As many as 63 per cent of this group would vote Conservative, with only 6 per cent supporting Labour — leading the magazine to suggest that Mr Blair's new Labour still has a lot to do before Britain's captains of industry abandon the Tory ship.

But 56 per cent believe that a Labour government would either make no difference or have a beneficial effect on business, with benefits including more spending on education and training, a greater commitment to Europe and to an industrial policy.

Mr Huismans says: "In fact, from Courtaulds' point of view, I *am marginally more* positive towards Labour than the Tories because of Labour's higher degree of commitment to Europe and the single currency." Forty-three per cent of business leaders polled by MORI say that Labour would have a detrimental effect on business — though the overwhelming effect they see it would have is a change in personal taxes.

Mr Blair's statements on his *business tour that Labour will* not increase taxes may help assuage such fears.

Sir Colin Marshall, chairman of British Airways, says the reaction of most business to a switch from Conservative to Labour would most likely be "Change? What change?", though, even as the leader of one of the companies most favoured by the Conservatives in the 1980s, he says, that Labour "will set off with policies for sustainable growth, based on low inflation, and a reasonable cost of borrowing. This gives no cause for concern".

He has concern about Labour's minimum wage proposals, and about talk of constraints on shareholder dividends in order to promote long-term investment.

According to the IoM's findings, *just over half of Britain's* managers are against Labour's plans to sign the EU social chapter for the UK, and 55 per cent do not think that full employment is a realistic policy objective.

They want low inflation as a priority for UK economic policy, but almost 70 per cent want to see a strengthening of regulatory control of the utilities, as Labour is proposing.

Significantly, as many as 83 per cent want a closer partnership between business and the Government — the key to Labour's appeal to business.

Labour leaders will be delighted at this — and with *the results of a parallel IoM* survey, to be released on the eve of next week's Conservative Party conference, which is likely to show considerable business disenchantment with a range of core Conservative economic policies.

Business leaders believe the key to the swing towards Labour lies in the increasing globalisation of business and what is seen as the Conservatives' opposition to Europe. As more UK businesses export, they come into contact and competition with companies from other countries whose governments give them greater support — and they want Britain to do likewise.

And as Europe becomes an ever-more important market, hostility from Tory Eurosceptics is seen as actively damaging.

Mr Blair's own claims for new Labour's pitch to business are clear: "The Labour Party in many ways is a party better able to represent industry than the Conservative Party, which has produced neither the economic policies nor the innovation and industrial policies that we require."

While today's survey findings show that Labour still has a fair way to go to convince business on this point, the movement implied by the IoM's findings at least is significant, even if only as a rejection of what many in business now see as the negative impact of the Government. As the institute's Roger Young says of Britain's managers: "With the positive words coming out of new Labour, the single feeling is: give them a try. It couldn't be worse."

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Surprised by love in steamy Glasgow

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

When a drama is as thoughtful and inventive as Saturday's *Ruffian Hearts* (BBC2), it's funny how people want to spoil it with labels, comparing it pithily with other things. It confirms the impression that, nowadays in television drama, everyone's a busy mogul with a manicure appointment.

David Kane's *Ruffian Hearts* arrived with more labels on it than a suitcase in a Graham Greene novel: "A kind of *La Ronde*", or even "A kind of *Dangerous Liaisons*". Whereas in fact, it was simply a collage of tragi-comic, original stories about love, deftly contrived to interweave, rather in the manner of — well, television drama. The setting was Glasgow, in particular a towering, steaming tenement building, in which Puccini arias mixed with television in the stairwells, doors were axed and burned for firewood, and a crippled artist drew circles freehand for hours by the clock. The staircases were arranged in a double-helix, so that people could go up and down on separate tracks. How people get used to that, I'll never know, but it's a jolly fine image for alienation.

But, even if they had the hang of the steps, they were surprised by love, these people. They bumped into it, sometimes literally. Gormless-looking Mick (Ewen Bremner) arrived with his mouth open and his head in a lopsided bandage, a cross between Vincent van Gogh and Dopey. He had lost an ear in a cuckold fury, and was currently (yike) wearing it sewn to the inside of his leg. Marie (Vicki Masson) fell for him when his guitar was stolen; it gave her the strength to renounce a sleazy affair.

And so it went on. Starry-eyed Peter (Paul Blair) fell in puppy-love with Dervla (Bronagh Gallagher), who laughed and wisecracked too much, and finally betrayed him with his conniving flatmate. Best of all — most amazing, certainly — was Caitlin (Jenny McCrindle), a buffeted waif with funny pigtails and a teeth-grinding habit. She wore a protective shield on the upper set, which she dunked in drinks like a biscuit. When she offered herself to Peter's volatile flatmate Chez (Peter Mullan), the horrific outcome had a certain aptness, given her dental problem. He bit her.

They sound like grotesques, but the performances were so uniformly fine, witty and naturalistic that the swirl of that stairwell sucked you right up. Kane directed his own script here. And as was made clear by the excellent ITV drama series *Finney* last year (which he scripted, but did not direct), he is a major talent, writing great parts for actors, defining them at crisis points when their weakness makes them strong, or their strength makes them weak.

Clive Russell is clearly Kane's favourite hard man (he had a vicious way with a pepper-pot, if memory serves, in the less successful Dundee thriller *Jute City*). Anyway, he starred again in *Ruffian Hearts* — another hard man, this time with a Billy Connolly accent, a seedy nightclub and a bad temper. But when love struck at his ruffian heart, his behaviour would have made a Kitten Whiskas commercial look abrasive. It only needed his feisty old flame Beattie (Maureen Beattie) to tell him off, and suddenly he was putty in her hands.

To sum up, then, *Ruffian Hearts* was a treat — clever, fresh, funny, and with a beautifully varied musical soundtrack. I just hope the slot was all right for it. Traditionally, Saturday night is a graveyard.

Whether or not to stay up for the **South Bank Show** (ITV) on Sunday night has long been a dilemma, but last night's profile of kd lang was a highlight of the series so far, with gobsmacking footage of the early lang in Nashville mufti of black frock, lacquered hair, diamanté buttons and shortie white cowboy boots. Honest and direct, she made an ideal interview subject — and didn't object to answering questions with the sun in her eyes. When she said at the end that fame wasn't interesting, for once it sounded like a genuine opinion, and not hooey.

Left to my own resources, I fear I would watch nothing but **Pride and Prejudice** (BBC1) at the moment, possibly on a six-hour loop-tape to avoid time-wasting rewinds. If the cats could be trained to drag regular sherbet on a gold tray, the experience of luxury could hardly be more complete. But you are probably sated with *Pride and Prejudice*, and I will rein in the superlatives for a future week. Last night's episode saw the arrival of Wickham, the Netherfield ball, and Mr Collins's proposal — three momentous scenes, all beautifully handled. Mr Collins's dancing ("Other way, Mr Collins!") was a splendid addition to Jane Austen: as was the howling of dogs during Mary's recital. Meanwhile I will raise only one further point: is Colin Firth (Darcy) always filmed slightly out of focus, or are my eyes fogging with desire?

Finally, for anyone too squeamish to watch **999 Lifesavers** (BBC1) on Fridays, they missed a real piperoo this week, when a house fire was dramatised, in the manner of a primitive public information film. It was unbelievable. A flustered woman ran into the hall. "I'm going to run downstairs!" she began, but "NO, DON'T DO THAT!" commanded Michael Buerk's voice from behind the camera. And instead of saying, "What? Who are you? Did you start this fire?" she obeyed meekly. "NEVER JUMP STRAIGHT OUT OF AN UPSTAIRS WINDOW," Buerk continued in the same infuriating tone, making you want to smack him in the mouth. I had assumed comic sketch writers lampooned this sort of thing to death, circa 1975. How wrong I was, it seems.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (10550)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (86362043)

9.05 Dallas — The Final Years (r) (Ceefax) (8688480) **9.50 Holiday Outings** (s) (8704753)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5587260)

10.05 Conference Live 95. Nick Ross presents coverage of this year's Labour Party Conference from Brighton. With Anne Perkins and Jon Sopel (s) (94627395) **12.50pm Regional News** and weather (21166127)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) (75192)

1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (47290734) **1.55 Knots Landing** (s) (7367111) **2.40 Mary Berry's Ultimate Cakes** (1019385) **2.50 Emergency Heart Attacks** (4616591) **3.05 The Great British Quiz** (s) (8988666)

3.30 Philbert The Frog (r) (s) (1206840) **3.35 Oakie Doke** (s) (4403314) **3.45 Dear Mr Barker** (s) (4483550) **4.00 Alvin and the Chipmunks** (r) (9001956) **4.10 Phantom 2040** (Ceefax) (s) (1255666) **4.35 Grange Hill** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2957598)

5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (9118918) **5.10 Blue Peter** (Ceefax) (s) (2491173)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (822314)

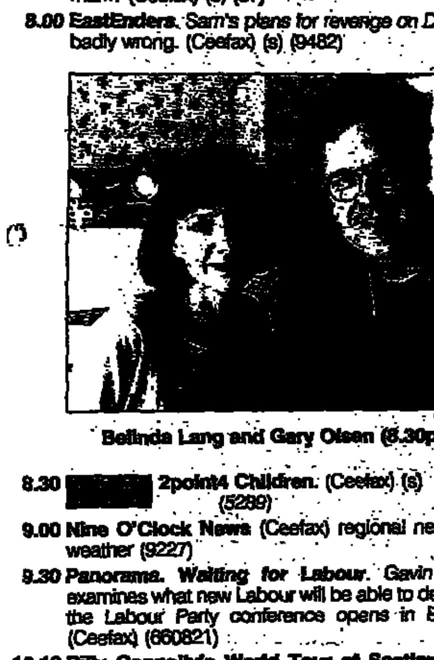
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (73)

6.30 Regional News magazines (53)

7.00 Telly Addicts with Noel Edmonds (Ceefax) (s) (4014)

7.30 Watchdog. Anne Robinson presents the consumer magazine. Includes a report on British Gas. Is it doing enough to merit its Government Charter mark? (Ceefax) (s) (37)

8.00 EastEnders. Sam's plans for revenge on David go badly wrong. (Ceefax) (s) (9482)



Belinda Lang and Gary Olsen (8.30pm)

8.30 2point4 Children. (Ceefax) (s) (5289)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (9227)

9.30 Panorama. Waiting for Labour. Gavin Hewitt examines what new Labour will be able to deliver as the Labour Party conference opens in Brighton (Ceefax) (660821)

10.10 Billy Connolly's World Tour of Scotland. Billy Connolly visits Culloden (r) (Ceefax) (s) (788753). **Wales:** Moving Home 10.50 Billy Connolly's World Tour of Scotland 11.20 Omnibus 12.10am Film 95 12.40 Steven Spielberg's Amazing Stories 1.50 News headlines

10.40 Omnibus: Artist Unknown. (Ceefax) (s) (996918)

11.30 Film 95 with Barry Norman. Including reviews of *Assassins* with Sylvester Stallone; *Land and Freedom* and *Pocahontas*. Plus an interview with Nicole Kidman about her latest comedy, *To Die For* (Ceefax) (s) (63869)

12.00 Steven Spielberg's Amazing Stories (Ceefax) (s) (9187574)

1.10am Weather (9218116)

BBC2

6.20am Open University: Social Problems and Social Welfare (5033983) **6.45** Using TV Revisited (8684314) **7.35** Industrial Democracy (9843531)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (6203937)

8.15 European Grand Prix. Highlights (r) (s) (2729208)

8.55 For the Love of It (r) (3055531)

9.00 Daytime on Two: The IT Collection (5887024) **9.25** Jeunes Francophones (6154734) **9.45** Square One TV (6435550) **10.00** Playdays (1302444) **10.25** You and Me (2354024) **10.45** Look and Read (3865289) **11.05** Zig Zag: UK Geography (5805647) **11.25** Ici Paris (8156869) **11.40** English Time (3750666) **12.00** GNVQ (32598) **12.30pm** Working Lunch (49376) **1.00** History File (81335024) **1.20** Landmarks — Victorian Britain (81315260) **1.40** Spanish Globo (91018444)

1.45 Storytime (s) (26116666) **2.00 Brum** (r) (12948444)

2.10 Conference Live 95. Includes **News**, regional news and weather at **3.00** and **3.55** (s) (68978463)

6.00 Space Precinct (Ceefax) (s) (717840)

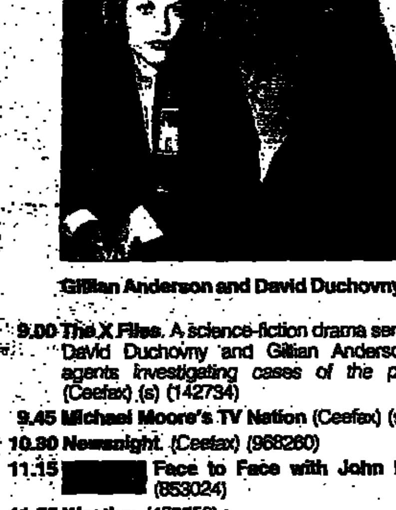
6.45 The O-Zone. Pop music magazine. With Jamie Theakston and Jayne Middlemiss(s) (329043)

7.00 People's Century A series about the upheavals of the 20th century from the point of view of ordinary individuals (r). (Ceefax) (s) (629631)

7.55 Wild Tracks (r). (Ceefax) (s) (985289)

8.00 Nomads of the Wind (r). (Ceefax) (s) (151956)

8.50 Travel Show — Short Cuts. Eric Newby returns to Parma in northern Italy. (Ceefax) (s) (282753)



Gillian Anderson and David Duchovny (9.00pm)

9.00 The X Files. A science-fiction drama series starring David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson as FBI agents investigating cases of the paranormal. (Ceefax) (s) (142734)

9.45 Michael Moore's TV Nation (Ceefax) (s) (695482)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (968260)

11.15 Face to Face with John Berger (s) (853024)

11.55 Weather (459550)

12.00 Build a Better Business. Will Carling illustrates how leadership skills and team building are as important for small firms as large companies (r) (69796). Ends at **12.30am**

2.00 Night School: Primary Science (53932)

4.00-6.00 BBC Focus: Developing Family Literacy (37357)

4.30 DOH Special. How to prevent pressure sores (21681) **5.00 Pathways to Care.** How to resuscitate babies who collapse (56749) **5.30 RCN Nursing Update** (60425)

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CHOICE

Cutting Edge: Nannies
Channel 4, 9.00pm

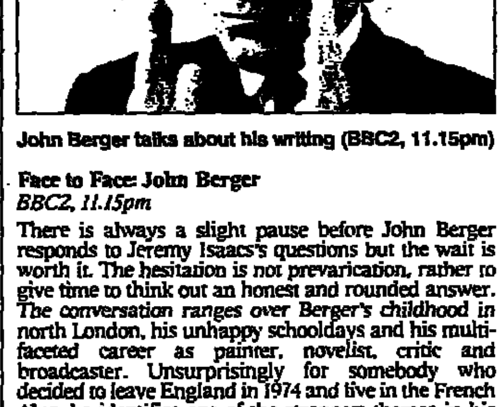
Francesca and Jason Hunter are solicitors. Francesca has just given birth to their first child, Joshua, but is determined to go back to work as soon as possible. So the couple decide to employ a nanny. In doing so they unwittingly provide film-maker Dornie Watts with marvellously entertaining footage. At least it is diverting for us, though the Hunters might not agree. They did not dream it would be so difficult to find somebody suitable. Or perhaps they are being over-fussy. At any rate the procession of young women to their Putney home becomes a running gag, beautifully milked by Watts with repeated shots of the same green chair being vacated as the latest candidate fails to pass the Hunters' rigorous scrutiny.

2point4 Children
BBC1, 8.30pm

The fifth series of Andrew Marshall's sit-com gets off to a sparkling start with the Porter family thrown into disarray by the prospect of a win on the National Lottery. If only, that is, they can find the ticket in time. It is a measure of the quality of Marshall's script that he avoids easy jokes about Anthea Turner and concentrates instead on what he does so well, the accurate observation of everyday life in lower middle-class suburbia with its particular struggles, tensions and snobberies. But authenticity is laced, as so often happens, by an excursion into the surreal, as Bill (Belinda Lang) and friend Rona (Julia Hills) find themselves wearing Donald Duck masks and are mistaken for armed robbers.

Omnibus: Artist Unknown
BBC1, 10.40pm

As a black Briton of Trinidadian extraction, it seemed obvious to actor Lennie James that he would find his way to Africa. He finally goes there to trace the provenance of a bronze mask, which catches his eye in Portobello Road in west London. He buys the piece for £150 and is told that it was probably made in Benin City in Nigeria. In 1897 the British destroyed an ancient palace in Benin and looted its art. Masks similar to James's, and made before 1897, have found their way into collections in London. Fired by this knowledge James sets off for Benin and a journey of discovery. The mask proves not to be what James hoped. But the richness of Nigerian culture, in song, music, dance and costume, more than compensates.



John Berger talks about his writing (BBC2, 11.15pm)

Face to Face: John Berger
BBC2, 11.15pm

There is always a slight pause before John Berger responds to Jeremy Isaacs's questions but the wait is worth it. The hesitation is not prevarication, rather to give time to think out an honest and rounded answer. The conversation ranges over Berger's childhood in north London, his unhappy schooldays and his multi-faceted career as painter, novelist, critic and broadcaster. Unsurprisingly for somebody who decided to leave England in 1974 and live in the French Alps, he identifies one of the strongest themes in his work as displacement. Berger describes his approach to writing as trying to get in very close to his subject and bringing something back. He would like to be remembered by what he brought. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (45521)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (5854937)

9.55 London Today (Teletext) (s) (1312821)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (9245802)

10.35 This Morning (39661579)

12.20pm London Today (Teletext) (4869647)

12.30 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (9213802)

12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (9221821)

1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (22028173)

1.55 Shortland Street (91332376)

2.20 Blue Heelers: The First Stone (3341802)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (4956145)

3.25 London Today (Teletext) (5305686)

3.30 The Slow Norris (s) (4499111)

3.40 Tots TV (r) (s) (1280444) **3.50 Wolves, Witches and Giants** (s) (4400227) **4.05 Sooty and Co** (s) (5326482) **4.30 Where's Wally?** (r) (2952043)

4.50 How 2 (Teletext) (s) (5335260)

5.10 After 5 with Mary Nightingale (Teletext) (1355869)

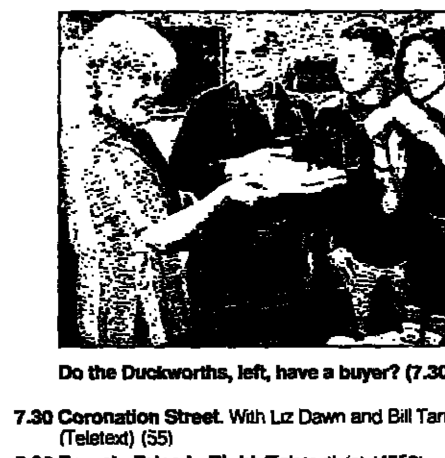
5.40 ITN Early Evening News and weather (Teletext)

5.55 Your Shout (525294)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (69)

6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (21)

7.00 The Krypton Factor (Teletext) (s) (5802)



Do the Duckworths, left, have a buyer? (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. With Liz Dawn and Bill Tarmey. (Teletext) (55)

8.00 Bruce's Price Is Right *(Teletext) (s) (4550)*

8.30 World in Action An examination of new evidence surrounding the conviction of John Gorman for murder. (Teletext) (s) (3685)

9.00 FILM: Die Hard 2 (1990). Bruce Willis returns as tough cop John McClane. As before, there are plenty of chases, stunts and fights with good support for Willis from Bonnie Bedelia and Franco Nero. Directed by Renny Harlin. (Teletext) (s) (3531). Continues after the news

10.00 ITN News at Ten and weather (Teletext) (20753)

10.30 London Tonight (317537)

10.40 Film: Die Hard 2 continued (914314)

11.50 Blood Ties (955956)

12.50am Endsleigh League Extra. Gabriel Clarke presents action from all three divisions (7656154)

1.40 Sport AM features highlights from the Mercedes Masters Golf tournament from Germany (3607067)

2.40 Quiz Night with Stuart Hall (7711864)

3.05 FILM: The Man in the Road (1956, b/w) starring Derek Farr, Ella Raines and Donald Wolfit. A spy thriller based on Anthony Armstrong's novel, *He Was Found in the Road*, in which communists try to persuade an amnesiac scientist to divulge a secret formula. Directed by Lance Comfort (5421135)

4.30 On the Live Side. Music from Bob James, performing *Restorations* (r) (s) (74941203)

4.35 Best of British Motorsport (24348777)

5.00 The Chrystal Rose Show (r) (s) (98845)

5.30 ITN Morning News ends **6.00** (57951)

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Alfred J. Kwak (r) (6162598) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (98043) **9.00 Sabotage** (r) (s) (31442)

9.30 Schools. Geography (6432463) **9.45** Book Box (6437918) **10.00** Stage Two Science (2346005) **10.15** Learn Sign Language (8271598) **10.20** Place and People (2340621) **10.40** The English Programme (8772937) **11.05** Encyclopaedia Galactica (2359602) **11.15** The Mix (3145753) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (3765598) **11.45** Junior Technology (3753753)

12.00 Travelog in France (r) (s) (27666)

12.30pm Sesame Street (r) (87259) **1.30 Gumdrop** followed by **Ivor the Engine, Roobarb** and **Further Tales of the Riverbank** (91370531)

1.50 Buster Keaton Centenary: My Wife's Relations (b/w). Buster is married by a Polish-speaking judge (91381647)

2.15 FILM: Guadalcanal Diary (1943, b/w) starring Preston Foster. A Second World War morale booster directed by Lewis Seiler (843666)

3.55 Garden Doctors (r) (Teletext) (s) (3730005)

4.30 NEW **Fifteen To One** Another series of the fast-moving general knowledge quiz (Teletext) (s) (18)

5.00 Golden Girls (r). (Teletext) (s) (3208)

5.30 Nurses (r). (Teletext) (s) (98)

6.00 Roseanne (r) (Teletext) (s) (11)

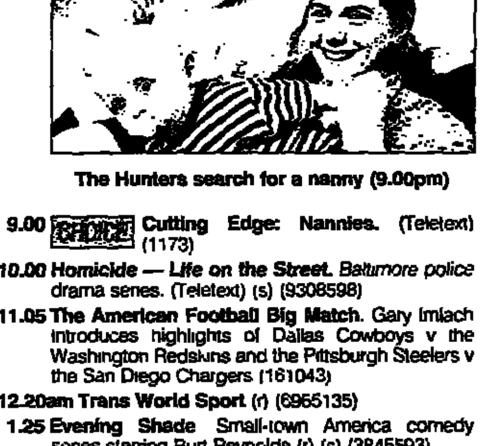
6.30 Hangin' With Mr Cooper. American campus comedy. (Teletext) (s) (63)

7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) (654227)

7.55 Battered Britain: Fighting Back. Series following the residents of Wolverhampton's Heath Town estate as they attempt to improve their environment. Tonight, Bob Deacon argues for a credit union as a means of defeating the loan sharks (s) (983685)

8.00 One For the Road. The fifth of a six-part spoof on travel and video diary shows, starring fringe comedian Alan Davies. (Teletext) (s) (2192)

8.30 Baby It's You: In the Beginning The first of a six-part series using natural history filming techniques to follow the way a baby transforms itself into human being (r) (Teletext) (s) (1227)



The Hunters search for a nanny (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Cutting Edge: Nannies.** (Teletext) (1173)

10.00 Homicide — Life on the Street. Baltimore police drama series. (Teletext) (s) (9308598)

11.05 The American Football Big Match. Gary Imlach introduces highlights of Dallas Cowboys v the Washington Redskins and the Pittsburgh Steelers v the San Diego Chargers (161043)

12.20am Trans World Sport (r) (6965135)

1.25 Evening Shade Small-town America comedy series starring Burt Reynolds (r) (s) (3845593)

1.55 FILM: Conquest of Space (1955) starring Walter Brooke, Eric Fleming and Mickey Shaughnessy. A science-fiction adventure following the progress of a manned rocket flight to Mars during which the captain of the craft becomes obsessed with religion. Directed by Byron Haskin (6991864). Ends at **3.20**

4.00-5.15 Schools: Off Limits (22425)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9221821) **1.25** Home and Away (22028173) **1.55-2.20** A Country Practice (91382376) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1355869) **6.25** Anglia Weather (476294) **6.30-7.00** Anglia News (21) **11.30** Hunter (65111) **1.15am** Film: Without a Trace (967406) **4.05** Best of British Motor Sport (90472067) **4.30** The Time... the Place (58715) **5.00** The Real Ghostbusters (98845)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (91382376) **3.25-3.30** Central News (5305686) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1355869) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (797424) **11.30** Crime Story (65711) **4.05am** Jobfinder (9644135) **5.30** Asian Eye (4699998)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9221821) **1.25** Home and Away (81332937) **1.55** Father Dowling Investigates (6997821) **2.50-3.20** Gardeners' Diary (8250005) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1355869) **6.25** Granada Tonight (797424) **10.30** Granada News (317537) **11.50** World Championship Boxing (955956) **12.50am** Endsleigh League Extra (7656154) **1.40** Sport AM (3607067) **2.40** Quiz Night (7711864) **3.05** Film: The Man in the Road (5421135) **4.30** On The Live Side (40766390)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.55-1.20 Shortland Street (5488753) **1.20** Coronation Street (22028802) **2.20-3.20** Side Effects (3341802) **5.10-5.40** What's My Line? (1355869) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (21) **11.30** Spotlight (58937) **12.00am** ITV Sport Classics (56222) **4.05** Jobfinder (74941203)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 5.10-5.40 Surprise Chefs (1355869) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (21) **11.30** Street Legal (65111)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9221821) **1.25** Home and Away (22028173) **1.55** A Country Practice (47293821) **2.25-3.20** Blue Heelers (2538192) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1355869) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (69) **6.30-7.00** Behind the Scenes with Penelope Keith (21) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (317537) **11.30** Short Story Cinema (784598) **11.55** The Powell That Be (547111) **1.15am** Film: Without a Trace (967406) **4.05** Best of British Motor Sport (90472067) **4.30** The Time... the Place (58715) **5.00** Freescreen (98845)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (1312821) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (4878395) **12.25-12.30** My Story (4877686) **12.55** Coronation Street (9221821) **1.25** Home and Away (22028173) **1.55** High Road (47293821) **2.25** Gardeners' Diary (44394482) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (8250005) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News (5305686) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1355869) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (44821) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News; Weather (317537) **11.30** Fair's Fair (58937) **12.00am** Love at First Sight (56222) **4.05** Jobfinder (74941203)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9221821) **1.25** Home and Away (22028173) **1.55** A Country Practice (91382376) **2.20** Cat Crazy (44386463) **2.50** Help Yourself (6879735) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (2323579) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1355869) **5.55** Calendar (352937) **6.30-7.00** Single Minded (21) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News and Weather (317537) **11.30** Prisoner Cell Block H (214111) **12.25am** Endsleigh League Extra (4447970) **1.10** Film: Last Holidays (268826) **2.45** The New Music (953796) **3.45** Recollections (75734067) **4.15** Night Shift (20377222) **4.15** Jobfinder (9840319)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (98043) **9.00** Sabotage (31442) **9.30** Yagolion (63958) **9.30** Geography (6432463) **9.45** Iechyda (6327869) **10.05** Sang-di-lang (2345378) **10.20** Place and People (2340821) **10.40** The English Programme (8772937) **11.05** Encyclopaedia Galactica (2359602) **11.15** Ffenestri (3145753) **11.30** Penawdau (3765598) **11.45** Junior Technology (3753753) **12.00pm** Right To Reply (27666) **12.30** The Hill Billy Goats (34444) **1.00** Slot Meithrin (68802) **1.30** Profiles Of Nature: Galapagos (66043) **2.00** Garden Doctors (2956) **2.30** Film: Carmen Jones (25456918) **4.25** Terrytoons (6193260) **4.30** Masterclass (5357482) **4.45** Rocko's Modern Life (5352937) **5.00** 5 Pump: Rownd A Rownd (8132956) **5.10** 5 Pump: Pelt (9121840) **5.20** 5 Pump: Tochabant (6716621) **5.30** Fifteen To One (98) **6.00** Newyddion (704550) **6.15** Hero (771178) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (658227) **7.25** Taro Naw (364227) **8.00** Fo A Fe, Pawb b'i fyd fa bo'i ddolur (2192) **8.30** Newyddion (1227) **9.00** Homicide — Life On the Street (1173) **10.00** Sgorio (9308598) **11.05** The American Football Big Match (161043) **12.20am** Battered Britain: Fighting Back (4127749) **12.25** Frasier (8419628) **12.55** Friends (9844951) **1.20** Diwedd

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
7.00am The DJ Kat Show (59647) **8.30** Jeopardy (74598) **9.00** Court TV (58550) **9.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show (34260) **10.30** Blockbusters (54734) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (19550) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (78314) **12.30pm** Designing Women (87550) **1.00** The Waltons (82005) **2.00** Geraldo (73260) **3.00** Court TV (4579) **3.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show (3611550) **4.20** Kids TV (1314956) **4.30** Orson and Olivia (4666) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8531) **6.00** Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (5531) **6.30** Spellbound (9111) **7.00** LAPD (9260) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5395) **8.00** One West Waikiki (12260) **9.00** Police Rescue (32024) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (35111) **11.00** Law and Order (30043) **12.00** The Late Show with David Letterman (5097222) **12.45am** V (7452609) **1.30** Anything But Love (96048) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix (3605715)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (3170395) **9.30** O.J. Simpson (8321463) **10.10** CBS 60 Minutes (8220685) **11.00** News and Business (17192) **1.30pm** CBS News (94463) **2.30** The Book Show (2444) **3.30** Worldwide Report (4299) **4.00** News and Business (95666) **5.00** Live at Five (6173) **6.30** Tonight (7763) **8.00** News and Business (6550) **8.30** O.J. Simpson (4783005) **12.30am** CBS News (11845) **1.30** Tonight (94135) **2.30** The Book Show (4582169) **3.10** CBS 60 Minutes (3705357) **4.30** CBS News (21777) **5.30-6.00** ABC News

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (1899885) **10.00 The Lemon Sisters** (1990) (96666) **12.00 To Trap a Spy** (1966) (87463) **2.00pm A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum** (1966) (26463) **4.00 Bushfire Moon** (1987) (3463) **6.00 The Lemon Sisters** (1990): As 10am (94024) **7.30 Close-Up: The Pelican Brief** (3573) **8.00 For the Love of Nancy** (1994) (18444) **10.00 Showdown in Little Tokyo** (1991) (1832550) **11.20 Red Sun Rising** (1993) (624665) **1.05am Dying to Remember** (1993) (789796) **2.40 Quarantine** (1989) (700715) **4.15-6.00 Bushfire Moon** (1987): As 4pm (283609)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
12.00 The Sheriff of Fractured Jaw (1958) (76192) **2.00pm The Undercover Man** (1949) (22685) **4.00 It Started With Eve** (1941) (2395) **6.00 The Barbarian and the Geisha** (1958) (63591) **8.00 From Hell to Victory** (1979) (14666) **10.00 The Devil Rides Out** (1968) (180686) **11.40 Love with the Proper Stranger** (1963) (493937) **1.25-**
3.25am Freud (1962) (781048)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Tarzan the Fearless (1933) (48005) **8.00 The New Adventures of Little Toot** (1993). Animation (23173) **9.00 Ghost Stories** (1987) Cartoon (54385) **10.00 The Family Jewels** (1965) (96208) **12.00 Bonanza: Under Attack** (1995) (65005) **2.00pm Groundhog Day** (1993) (24005) **4.00 The New Adventures of Little Toot** (1993) As 8am (96734) **5.00 Ghost Stories** (1987) As 9am (1869) **6.00 Gunsmoke V: One Man's Justice** (1993) (44869) **8.00 Groundhog Day** (1993): As 2pm (49314) **10.00 Kalifornia** (1993) (16598) **12.00 Barbarians at the Gate** (1993) (206970) **1.50am Starting Again** (1994) (495970) **3.30-5.30 The Roots of Heaven** (1958) (471834)

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THE DISNEY CHANNEL
6.00am Under the Umbrella Tree (91478821) **6.30** Muppet Babies (13052314) **7.00** Winnie the Pooh (59962173) **7.30** Ducktales (59861208) **8.00** Chip 'n' Dale (24246734) **8.30** Adventures in Wonderland (24245005) **9.00** Fraggle Rock (24269685) **9.30** Pooh Corner (91153289) **10.00** *Dumbo's Circus* (13043668) **10.30** Donald's Quack Attack (24265869) **11.00** Walt Disney Presents (59990956) **12.00** FILM: The Legend of Young Dick Turpin (25517024) **1.30pm** The Admiral and the Princess (91156376) **2.00** Adventures in Wonderland (65914821) **2.30** Under the Umbrella Tree (23154753) **3.00** Fraggle Rock (65933956) **3.30** Winnie the Pooh (23166598) **4.00** Donald's Quack Attack (23145005) **4.30** Ducktales (23141289) **5.00** Chip 'n' Dale (65905173) **5.30** Danger Bay (23165869) **6.00** Tarzan (23155482) **6.30** Dinosaurs (23146734) **7.00** Boy Meets World (65925937) **7.30** Thunder Alley (23142918) **8.00-10.00** FILM: Brothers by Choice (21180192)

SKY SPORTS
7.00am World Sport Special (65753) **7.30** Speed and Beauty (44260) **8.00** Powerboat (55802) **8.30** Aerobics Oz Style (54173) **9.00** Watersports (20463) **10.00** The Big League (58127) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (65289) **12.30pm** Goals (62395) **2.00** Speedway (21376) **3.30** Finish Line (7537) **4.00** American Sports (49840) **5.00** Max Out (5840) **5.30** Windsurfing (9918) **6.00** Sky Sports Centre (9531) **6.30** Tartan Extra (3111) **7.00** Monday Night Football, Live Southampton v West Ham Utd (40344294) **10.15** Sky Sports Centre (787666) **10.45** Tartan Extra (786937) **11.15** Bushido (649227) **12.15am** Monday Night Football (815834) **2.15-2.45** Sports Centre (183715)



Deborah Kerr, Spencer Tracy in *Edward My Son* (TNT, 10pm)

EUROSPORT
8.30am Aerobics (49821) **9.30** Triathlon (72444) **10.30** Half-Marathon (63208) **11.30** Formula 1 (12753) **1.00pm** Touring Car (59192) **1.30** Superbike (68753) **2.30** Judo (13482) **3.30** Karate (92208) **4.30** Darts (40550) **5.30** Tractor Pulling (20260) **6.30** Formula 1 (99173) **7.30** News (4463) **8.00** Speedworld (70208) **10.00** Football (62043) **11.00** Pro Wrestling (76869) **12.00** Eurogolf (93609) **1.00-10.30am** News (22999)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (4978821) **8.30** Peyton Place (4975192) **9.00** As the World Turns (6855598) **10.00** Guiding Light (2331918) **11.00-12.00** Another World

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Video Trips (4386205) **12.30pm** Wide World of Kids (5039192) **1.00** Ticket to Paradise (2355598) **1.30** Pierre Franey (5038463) **2.00** Getaway (1807208) **2.30** Travels in Europe (9035937) **3.00** Australia (4397821) **4.00** Travel Guide (9026289) **4.30** Zoo Life (9015173) **5.00** Travels in Europe (1881260) **5.30** Around the World (9039753) **6.00** Travels in Europe (9036666) **6.30** Whicker's World (7622531) **7.30** Getaway (9016802) **8.00** Around the World (1887444) **8.30** Travel Guide (1906579) **9.00** Sky Destinations (4305840) **9.30** Whicker's World (4469821) **10.30** Traitside (4996685) **11.00** Globetrotter (4317685) **11.30-12.00** American Adventurer (4073918)

TLC
9.00am Painting (7530685) **9.30** Roux Brothers (7196550) **10.00** Our House (1267289) **10.30** Get Well Soon (7526869) **11.00** Only Human (9005227) **12.00** Psychology (7500821) **12.30pm** Jimmy's (7107666) **1.00** Roux Brothers (9009043) **1.30** Painting (7106937) **2.00** Healing (3785376) **2.45** Draw with Don (7837294) **3.00** Cyn Fletcher (9036227) **3.30-4.00** Our House (7223956)

UK GOLD
7.00am Jossy's Giants (9079802) **7.30** Neighbours (9086937) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7509192) **8.30** EastEnders (7508463) **9.00** The Bill (7522043) **9.30** The Sullivans (7105208) **10.00** Secret Army (9087821) **11.00** Dallas (9007685) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7519579) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7108024) **1.00** EastEnders (9079173) **1.30** The Bill (7108395) **2.00** The Sullivans (9019550) **2.30** Love Story — A Chance to Sit Down (7220869) **3.00** Angels (9038585) **3.30** Eldorado (7225314) **4.00** Casualty (24591735) **5.05** Every Second Counts (4299918) **5.45** Are You Being Served? (4515956) **6.25** EastEnders (9356043) **7.00** Eldorado (9020666) **7.30** Bless This House (7201734) **8.00** Angels (9039314) **8.30** Alas Smith and Jones (9018821) **9.00** Capital City (1646598) **10.00** The Bill (2219579) **10.35** Special Branch (51433802) **11.40** KYTV (7789314) **12.20am** Dr Who: Terror of the Zygons (2945845) **12.50** FILM: No Room to Run (1978) With Richard Benjamin (7406154) **2.30** Shopping

TCC
6.00am Casper (43840) **7.00** Pink Panther (98802) **7.30** Sonic (17937) **8.00** Valley High (11482) **8.30** Casper (5962840) **8.45** Dinobabies (5967395) **9.00** Tiny (86579) **11.00** Sesame (26685) **12.00** Tiny (83666) **2.00pm** Barney (2918) **2.30** Blinky (2260) **3.00** Sonic (4753) **3.30** Pink Panther (4005) **4.00** California Dreams (6840) **4.30-5.00** Sweet Valley High (2024)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Rise and Slime (63579) **9.00** Nick Jr (847550) **12.00** Lunchbox (838802) **3.00pm** Chill Out (869260) **6.00-7.00** Doc (93550)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm The Global Family (7202463) **4.30** Earthfile (7208647) **5.00** Earth Tremors (9027579) **6.00** Future Quest (9335550) **6.35** Beyond 2000 (1549442) **7.30** Flight Deck (7209376) **8.00** Untamed Africa (1634376) **9.00** The Astronomers (1637840) **10.00** Fangs! Teeth of Death (3359666) **10.55-12.00** Submarines (24782024)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: The Brain from Planet Arous (1958) (25673668) **1.15pm** 120 Volt Miracles (2980024) **2.00** The Saint (1255444) **3.00** Robin Hood (9023753) **3.30** The Protectors (7210482) **4.00** FILM: The Face of Fu Manchu (1965) (8034869) **6.00** Death Valley Days (7216666) **6.30** Man in a Suitcase (1648463) **7.30** Robin Hood (7295802) **8.00** The Saint (1611802) **9.00** Jason King (1631668) **10.00-12.00** FILM: The Voyage (1973) (5458463)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (7428666) **6.55** Present Yourself **7.00** Magazine (92699463) **8.55** Present Yourself **9.00** All Well and Good (7573753) **9.30** Kate and Allie (1785260) **10.00** Hearts of Gold (5581314) **10.55** Present Yourself **11.00** Young and the Restless (4197647) **11.55** Masterchef (61647341) **12.30pm** Brookside (4524869) **1.05** Kilroy (6925024) **2.00** Agony (4002821) **3.00** Magazine (9628192) **4.00** Infatuation UK (9367005) **4.30** Crosswits (7224208) **5.05** The Joker's Wild (12112519) **5.30** Bewitched (9387869) **6.00** Esther (9377482) **6.30** Brookside (3061668) **7.05** Present Yourself (3871314) **7.35** The Joker's Wild (6399802) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (7162918) **8.55** Present Yourself **9.00** FILM: Do You Know the Muffin Man? (1990) (17282024) **10.50** Entertainment Now (6074111) **11.00-12.00** Dangerous Women

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm The Wonder Years (6598) **5.30** Tintin (602647) **5.50** Batman (184598) **6.25** Catchphrase (778111) **7.00** Through the Keyhole (6734) **7.30** The Fall Guy (35802) **8.30** Home to Roost (1269) **9.00** The Beiderbecke Affair (96260) **10.00** Busman's Holiday (22598) **10.30** Moonlighting (68734) **11.30** Batman (98314) **12.00** The Fall Guy (34609) **1.00am** Zorro (64999) **1.30** Rhoda (67574) **2.00** Moonlighting (27703) **3.00** Rhoda (44135) **3.30** Zorro (30067) **4.00** The Wonder Years (11932) **4.30-5.00** The Black Stallion (45984)

MTV
6.00am Awake (94043) **7.30** The Grind (18395) **8.00** 3 from 1 (9983734) **8.15** Awake (9268463) **9.00** VJ Maria (483376) **12.00** Soul (31734) **1.00pm** *Greatest Hits* (40492) **2.00** Music Non-stop (79289) **3.00** 3 from 1 (5489444) **3.15** Music Non-Stop (6041598) **4.00** Cinematic (3881734) **4.15** Hanging Out (1395686) **5.00** News (1810802) **5.15** Hanging Out (5519821) **5.30** Dial MTV (6734) **6.00** Hit List UK (17753) **8.00** Greatest Hits (18482) **9.00** Lenny Kravitz (13078) **10.00** Real World London (24956) **10.30** Beavis and Butthead (26096) **11.00** News (861111) **11.15** Cinematic (651734) **11.30** Reggae (67444) **12.00** The End? (86883) **1.30am** Videos

VH-1
7.00am Power Breakfast (2354869) **9.00** Cafe (1066043) **12.00** Heart and Soul (5050685) **1.00pm** Vinyl Years (5036005) **2.00** Luther Vandross (4070821) **3.00** Into the Music (2611734) **6.00** VH-1-2-3 Human League (5056869) **7.00** VH-1 for You (2578289) **8.00** Album (2561753) **10.00** Backtrack 1969 (4989395) **10.30** Planet Rock Profiles: The Cranberries (4998043) **11.00** The Nightfly (4307598) **1.00am** Human League (5268319) **2.00** Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE
Country music from **6am** to **7pm**

ZEE TV
7.00am Asian Morning (55923735) **9.30** Public Demand (62243685) **9.30** Hero Kal, Aaj Aur Kal (45005395) **10.00** Urdu Serial, Kashkool (26069109) **11.00** Galaxzee (99534043) **11.30** Filmi Chakker (99502444) **12.00** Campus (54202685) **12.30pm** Khana Khazana (45009111) **1.00** Hindi FILM Veerta (96266956) **4.00** Chakravyuha (10546005) **4.30** Junglee Toofan (10544289) **5.00** Zee Zone (66259024) **5.30** Protessor Pyaretal (10568869) **6.00** Campus (10558482) **6.30** Zee and U (10549734) **7.00** Parampara (97459289) **8.00** News (65255208) **8.30** Yule Love Stories (66267043) **9.00** Hindi FILM Sadma (38795531) **11.30-12.00** Kangley Parapne (23565314)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 8pm, then TNT films as below.
8.00pm The Time, The Place and the Girl (1946) (21168734) **10.00 Edward, My Son** (1949) (32768550) **12.00 The Gorgeous Hussy** (1936) (34500703) **1.50am The Prime Minister** (1941) (34219574) **3.30-5.30 The Siege of Sydney Street** (1960) (13287203)

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KPMG's radical move will shake up accountancy profession


Sharman: strong believer

BY JON ASHWORTH

KPMG, the accounting and management consultantcy firm, is poised to convert its mainstream audit practice into a company, a move that could prompt a succession of changes in the UK accounting profession. Colin Sharman, the firm's senior partner, is expected to announce tomorrow that KPMG has decided to press on with radical plans to incorporate its audit arm, after months of consultation.

A decision not to proceed would be seen as a serious blow to Mr Sharman, who has argued strongly for the merits of incorporation. KPMG audits about 20 per cent of UK listed companies, and is therefore most exposed to the potential threat of crippling lawsuits. Negligence suits against auditors have soared in the past five years, and the fear remains that one of the Big Six accounting firms could be driven out of business. More than 600 claims are outstanding.

KPMG is expected to transfer its listed-company audit practice into a separate vehicle with limited liability. The move would ring-fence partners from individual exposure to punitive claims, but would do little more than delay the wider impact of legal action on the firm as a whole.

KPMG began studying the possibility of incorporation last October, and had hoped to announce a decision early this year. However, uncertainty over tax and regulatory implications stalled the process for several months. It remains to be seen, for instance, how tax and National Insurance costs could be spread across the firm as a whole. A final report was sent to the firm's 600 partners in July.

Sir Bernard Ashley, co-founder of the Laura Ashley fashion chain, is reported to be suing Coopers & Lybrand for $80 million, in the latest display of legal action against an accounting firm. The firm says it is "puzzled" by weekend reports of a dispute involving a country house hotel development in America. A spokesman said: "We have not seen the complaint and can't comment on the detail. But we are happy from what we do know that there are no grounds for a complaint against us."

The issue of incorporation has divided the Big Six accounting firms. Price Waterhouse is considering an internal report into incorporation, and is thought to favour an "all-or-nothing" approach. An internal Coopers & Lybrand taskforce is expected to report shortly. Ernst & Young and Arthur Andersen are monitoring developments, while Touche Ross is thought to oppose incorporation.

Changes at KPMG could take effect by the end of the year. The firm has indicated that it would favour publishing full accounts for the entire UK partnership, providing an intriguing insight into levels of internal pay. KPMG recorded a fee income of £516.4 million in the year to September 30, 1994.

Failures rise in London

Business failures are rising rapidly in London but falling in every other region of the country, a survey showed today.

The number of larger companies going bust in the capital increased to 4,670 from 3,545 in the first nine months of this year, a rise of 35.6 per cent on the same period last year, according to the latest figures from Dun & Bradstreet, the business information company.

It pushed the overall number of business failures in London, big and small, up to 5,899 from 4,967, an increase of 18.8 per cent. This compares with a nationwide decrease of 8.7 per cent to 31,321 from 34,315.

Ofex market rivals AIM

An unregulated off-market stock trading facility known as Ofex, for dealing in smaller stocks, starts this morning with a market capitalisation rivalling the newly launched but already much-expanded £1.3 billion Alternative Investment Market (AIM).

Ofex, created and managed by J.P Jenkins, the market-makers, goes on-line with 50 companies worth about £1 billion, including Wetabix and National Car Parks.

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SEC to act

The US Securities and Exchange Control Commission plans to act against bond firms that issued loan notes ahead of last December's bankruptcy of Orange County. Notices have been issued, giving recipients two weeks to respond.

Pub deal

Pubmaster, the independent pub retailer owned by Brent Walker, is paying £12.25 million to Whitbread for 137 pubs, most of them situated in the north-west of England, the West Country and Kent.

Blair rejects imposing training levy

BUSINESS would not face a levy to finance training from a future Labour government under proposals on individual learning to be unveiled after this week's party conference (Philip Bassett writes).

The conference will consider employment questions today but will mainly concentrate on the issue of a statutory national minimum wage. Tony Blair, the Labour leader, is convinced Labour's old policy of a business levy to fund training, coupled with rebates for companies that can show they are investing in training, is no longer appropriate.

In particular, Mr Blair feels the policy focuses on a top-down approach from government to companies, rather than a bottom-up approach from individuals' own training requirements. Instead, under new proposals all companies must, if Labour is elected, demonstrate what steps they are taking, including which, if any, of a range of individual programmes.

For employers unable to make such a demonstration because they are not training sufficiently, their own employees would be able to require the companies to contribute to employees' individual learning accounts, to which employees themselves would also be able to contribute.

☐ Business opposition to Labour's old plan for a levy will be confirmed in a survey for the EEF engineering employers to be unveiled at an EEF Labour conference fringe meeting in Brighton tonight.

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Nat Power to pay £2.8bn for Southern

BY JON ASHWORTH

NATIONAL POWER, the UK's biggest electricity generator, is expected to announce today that it is to merge with Southern Electric and dispose of power stations worth more than £1 billion, in an ambitious drive to reposition itself as an integrated power business.

Lawyers were last night putting the finishing touches to a deal that would value Southern at about £2.8 billion. Southern, the UK's largest remaining independent regional electricity company, confirmed on Friday that it was in talks that were "likely to lead to a recommended offer for the company".

City attention immediately focused on National Power, which has looked exposed since PowerGen, its smaller competitor, announced a £1.95 billion tie-up with Midlands Electricity. Southern was by then the only independent bigger than Midlands. Shares in Southern rose 61p to close at 897p on Friday. National Power's offer is expected to be a little over £10 a share.

The move would create a wide-ranging power business that would combine electricity generation and distribution under one banner. National Power would gain access to two million domestic customers, leaving it well placed to take advantage of increased competition once restrictions are lifted in 1998. The company expects to announce the sale of at least three power stations with a generating capacity of 4,000 megawatts — more than a quarter of its total output — in a deal that will net more than £1 billion. Mothballing old power stations has already reduced capacity by a third, but this will be the first time that assets will be sold.

National Power had voluntarily undertaken to dispose of 4,000 megawatts of capacity by the end of the year. Frontrunners to buy the plants include Eastern Group, which is separately buying two power stations from PowerGen for £400 million. AES and Enron, two American companies, have also expressed an interest. The disposals represent 20 per cent of National Power's generating capacity, and more than 25 per cent of its output.

Underpinning the move is National Power's desire to position itself for sweeping changes in the domestic UK electricity market. The company only sells directly to industrial customers at present, but half the UK's electricity output goes to domestic households. National Power will offer assurances to Professor Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, that consumers will not be compromised. National Power further believes that the merger is necessary to allow it to compete in international markets.

There was speculation yesterday that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, has decided against imposing a windfall tax on the privatised electricity and water companies. Imposing a punitive tax on the utilities could be interpreted as an admission that the Government mishandled the privatisation process.

Separately, the two Texas companies that launched a £1.7 billion white knight bid for Norweb are understood to be poised to re-enter the fray with an increased offer. Houston Industries and Central & South West were locked in talks over the weekend, after seeing their hopes scuppered by an improved bid from North West Water. The Texans had offered £10.50 a share, made up of 850p in cash and a 200p special dividend, but North West, which put Norweb into play with a bid worth £1.58 billion, or £10.15 a share, swiftly countered with a £10.75 offer. Developments are expected later in the week.

DES JENSON


Four British fashion designers are being offered the chance to show their collections during Hong Kong fashion week in January, courtesy of a competition being run by the DTI and BBC TV's *Clothes Show*. The designs above are among those shortlisted

Kohl remarks undermine bid to soothe markets

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

EUROPEAN finance ministers meeting in Spain made concerted attempts to settle currency markets but may have been frustrated by the German Chancellor.

The ministers, meeting in Valencia, reaffirmed a commitment to start a European currency in 1999. At the same time, they sent a message that the Maastricht tests for joining the new currency would have to be met precisely.

Initial membership would be restricted to those who met the tests on the basis of preliminary economic statistics for the 1997 calendar year. This would be a stiff test for France, regarded as essential to the process, and seemingly impossible for Italy or Belgium.

The agreements, which have to be ratified by heads of state, closely follow the German line, while seeking to undo the damage done last week by Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister. However, the ministers' efforts to ward off currency speculation with an image of harmony may be undermined by remarks made in Germany by Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor. In an interview and a reported conversation, Herr Kohl gave an upbeat view of the drive to unity, but said that timing was not crucial and that EMU might miss the Maastricht deadline.

In Valencia, the ministers also fuelled political controversy by agreeing that all governments must be bound by the Maastricht tests after they have joined a European currency. The treaty is likely to be amended to prevent governments borrowing more than 3 per cent of output. At the start of the three-year transition, the European currency would be used mainly for official transactions.

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Currency compensation plan attacked

Pensions safety net snags Hong Kong civil servants

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of Britons who have served the Crown in Hong Kong face having their pensions almost halved under a safety net scheme devised by the British Government.

The scheme, which has already been approved by the Cabinet, is designed to compensate pensioners for any sharp fall in the Hong Kong dollar after the colony is handed back to China in July 1997. The Overseas Service Pensioners Association has condemned the proposed safety net as totally inadequate, given the assurances its members require.

Government officials accept that the scheme would also form the probable basis for compensation if the Chinese authorities were to default on pension payments after they take over Hong Kong.

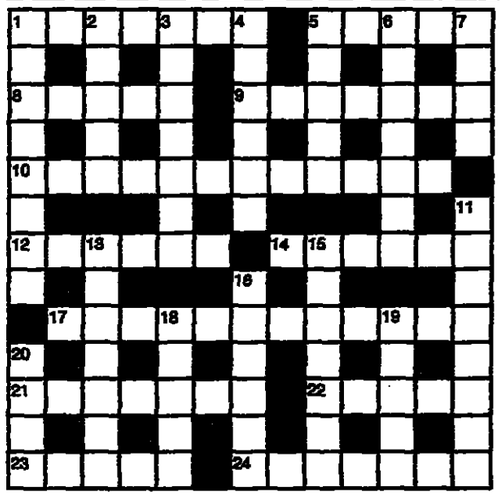
The proposal is expected to come before Parliament in the next session and foresees compensation being paid by Britain to former Hong Kong Government officials, both expatriate and ethnic Chinese, in the event of the Hong Kong dollar falling below 21 to the pound. Currently there are just over 12 to the pound.

Foreign Office officials said the scheme would also introduce the principle of uprating Hong Kong pensions in step with UK inflation and not Hong Kong's as previously.

Comments from the Governor of the Central Bank of China suggest that Peking may seek to make its currency, the yuan, fully convertible by 1997-98 — far earlier than had been previously thought. Some currency analysts believe that this could mean that the Hong Kong dollar would be linked to the yuan instead of the US dollar.

Fewer than than 3,000 Britons will be entitled to Hong Kong pensions and the total liability is put at £130 million over 50 years.

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